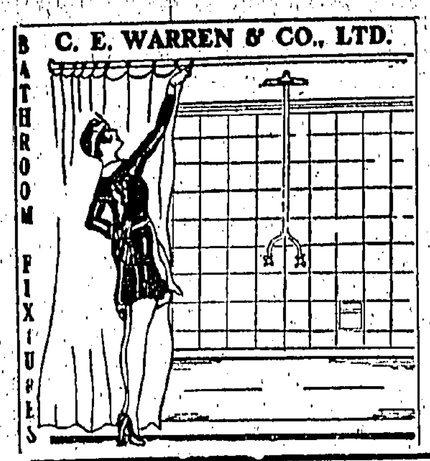

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JAPANESE POLICY CRITICISED.

BRITISH M.P.'s VERY SUSPICIOUS.

MUST NOT SUPPORT JAPAN'S INTERVENTION.

OUR CHINA ATTITUDE.

London, May 23.

That many British parliamentarians regard the action of Japan in China as forcible intervention was disclosed in the House of Commons to-day when Sir Austen Chamberlain was required to answer many questions, particularly with regard to the attitude Britain was taking.

The Liberal Member, Mr. W. Forrest led the House, asking Sir Austen whether he was ensuring that British policy could not be interpreted as supporting the intervention of foreign Powers into Chinese affairs. He stated that any intervention would tend to prevent peaceful consolidation of China.

Forcible Intervention.

Mr. Forrest also asked whether the Japanese Government prior to forcibly intervening had communicated its intentions to the other Powers interested in China.

Sir Walter de Frece (Conservative) asked whether in view of the importance of Chinese trade with Britain, the British Government would inform both the contending factions in China that its attitude of self-defence was unaltered, and that it does not intend to associate itself with the military operations of foreign Powers in China or Manchuria.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that the British policy of strict neutrality towards the contending parties in China adopted by His Majesty's Government remained unaltered.

Won't Be Involved.

The British Government did not intend to become involved in any form of intervention.

"Our one desire is to see a peaceful and united China, and any military measures taken by us are, and always have been, solely for the protection of British lives and property.

"This policy has been frequently stated, and is, I believe fully understood and appreciated by all parties in China. It does not appear necessary to give further assurances."

Sir Austen Chamberlain recalled that, only a few days ago, he gave particulars of the earlier Japanese statements of policy in China, and yesterday he quoted to the House the text of the Japanese Declaration to the North and South.

Kenworthy Suspicious.

Commander Kenworthy asked the Foreign Secretary if he was aware that the status of Manchuria was likely to be altered, and if Sir Austen had received any assurance from the Japanese Government as regards British trade in Manchuria.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that he was unaware of the statement made in the first part of Commander Kenworthy's question.

Very Premature.

He characterised as very premature the subsequent statement of Commander Kenworthy that if the Japanese established a Protectorate over Manchuria, it was most necessary that Britain should have an open door.

No Anti-British Feeling.

In reply to further questions, Sir Austen said he could not say with any degree of accuracy how many Japanese troops were at present in Manchuria.—*Reuter.*

Sir Austen Chamberlain also told the House that none of the reports, which he had received relative to the present situation, indicated the existence of any antagonism against British interests on the part of any of the contending parties in China.—*British Wireless.*

SIR AUSTEN KEEPS HIS PEACE.

DECLINES TO SPECIFY VITAL REGIONS.

LABOUR ENQUIRIES.

London, May 23.

A pertinent question was put in the House of Commons to-day when Mr. E. Thurtle (Lab.) asked Sir Austen Chamberlain to specify the regions mentioned in his Reply to Mr. Kellogg's Note proposing an anti-war treaty, in respect of which His Majesty's Government claims freedom of action irrespective of any peace pact.

Sir Austen Chamberlain said the Government would be prepared at the proper time to offer any explanations which may be required to facilitate the negotiations, but at the present time, he did not think it was desirable to add to the statement contained in his Note.

Replying to Mr. Rennie Smith (Lab.), Sir Austen said that no difference of opinion had at present arisen in the negotiations connected with the arbitration treaty between Great Britain and the United States.

The new treaty terms were still being considered, and His Majesty's Government was not yet in a position to take a decision in regard to it.

It is probable that the Root Treaty will expire before the new proposals are agreed upon, but there is no fear that this will matter at all.—*Reuter.*

THE HYDE PARK SCANDAL.

CONSTITUTION OF THE TRIBUNAL.

London, May 23.

The House of Commons has unanimously agreed to a motion by Sir William Joynson Hicks (Home Secretary) to establish a tribunal to enquire into the interrogation of Miss Savidge by Scotland Yard officials.

After the withdrawal of a Labourite amendment to secure the presence of one woman on the tribunal, Sir William Joynson Hicks announced that the tribunal would consist of Sir Eldon Bankes, former Justice of Appeal, as chairman, Mr. J. J. Withers, Conservative M.P., and Mr. Lees Smith, Labour M.P.—*Reuter.*

COOLIDGE VETOES FARM BILL.

AKIN TO RUBBER CONTROL SCHEME.

New York, May 23.

President Coolide has vetoed the McNary-Hauger Farm Relief Bill.

The Bill had been sharply criticised on the grounds that it proposed to do with American commodities "something similar to the British rubber restriction scheme."—*Reuter's American Service.*

PERSIA AND IRAK.

NO RECOGNITION YET ACCORDED.

London, May 23.

In the House of Commons, Sir Austen Chamberlain stated, in reply to a question, that the attention of the Persian Government had frequently been called to the desirability, in their own interests, of recognising the present Government of Irak and thereby placing their relations with that Kingdom on a normal and friendly footing. The Persian Government, however, had not hitherto taken this step.—*British Wireless.*

THE CHANNEL SWIM HOAX.

LADY DOCTOR RETAINS NAME ON REGISTER.

London, May 23.

The General Medical Council has heard an explanation by Dr. Dorothy Logan as to why she falsely stated that she had swum the English Channel on October last.

The Council decided not to erase her name from the Medical Register.—*Reuter.*

TERRIBLE BOMB OUTRAGE.

ITALIAN CONSULATE WRECKED.

EXPLOSION KILLS NINE AND INJURES FORTY.

FIRE ADDS TO HORROR.

Buenos Aires, May 23.

A sensational political outrage, accompanied by shocking loss of life, occurred to-day at the Italian Consulate, when a bomb concealed in a cupboard on the premises exploded at one of the busiest times of the day, and almost completely destroyed the premises.

Nine clerks working in the room where the explosion occurred were blown to pieces, while over forty others have been rescued from the wrecked building seriously injured.

Anti-Fascist Plot.

It is thought that the outrage was the result of an anti-Fascist plot, and that the perpetrators had the intention of assassinating the Italian Consul-General. Fortunately, he had left the Consulate when the explosion occurred and escaped.

Over two hundred persons were, however, on the premises at the time, and utmost confusion reigned until the police arrived to restore order in the rescue work.

Terrible Havoc.

The bomb tore a hole six feet by four feet in the wall of the room where the most terrible casualties were caused, the windows throughout the premises were shattered, and several of the outer walls tottered.

Ambulances were inadequate to cope with the number of the injured taken out of the wrecked building, and private cars were commandeered by the authorities for the purpose of taking them to hospital.

Buried in Debris.

Soon after the explosion fire broke out in the ruins, adding to the horror.

Firemen were working desperately for a long time to extricate those buried in the debris.

The bodies of some of those killed have suffered so badly that they are unidentifiable.

At the moment there is a transport strike in Buenos Aires and this delayed the arrivals of the Police authorities on the scene of the outage. The outrage has been definitely attributed to anti-Fascists.

Another Outrage Averted.

Later.

More excitement was occasioned later in the day when employees at a chemist's shop, owned by a prominent local Fascist, opened a satchel, which a customer left behind and found a live bomb, with the fuse spluttering.

The fuse was extinguished in the nick of time.—*Reuter's American Service.*

GREEK POLITICS.

WHY M. VENIZELOS IS RETURNING.

Athens, May 23.

M. Venizelos, in the course of a statement, says the resignation of M. Kafandaris has compelled him to reconsider his decision to abstain from politics, although he recognises that his return will embitter party strife.

He says it is his duty to resume the leadership of the Liberals, who are the strongest bulwark against a Dictatorship and kindred evils.—*Reuter.*

Athens, May 23.

The President, Admiral Condouriotis, will receive a party of leaders on the 24th and will consult each separately on the political situation. This is a mere formality, however, as none of them are in a position to assume the reins of Government.

The formation of a Cabinet will ultimately be entrusted to M. Venizelos, who will accept the task. M. Venizelos' re-appearance on the political scene has greatly embittered party strife as the Royalists are strongly opposing him.—*Reuter.*

BRITISH AMATEUR GOLF TITLE.

THE AMERICAN CHALLENGE EXTINGUISHED.

WETHERED IN FORM.

London, May 23.

Sensation follows sensation in the British Amateur Golf Championship being played at Prestwick, the most notable feature up to the present being the total extinction of the American challenge at the end of the second round.

Sir W. E. Holderness, an ex-champion, eliminated John McHugh (San Francisco) by two up and one to play, after a fine display, but Sir Ernest was himself defeated in the third round when he was opposed to Beaumont Pease (Alnmouth). Pease won by one hole.

Harry Brower, another American visitor, went down before J. Henderson (Dundonald) by three up and one to play.

One of the biggest surprises, however, was the defeat in the second round of Major H. O. Hezlet, the Irish champion. J. Lang (Erskine) beat Hezlet by one hole.

In the third round, Douglas Grant, (St. George's) strongly favoured, beat Gordon Simpson (Royal and Ancient) by 3 and 2; A. MacCullum (South Staffs) defeated Stout, the English champion, by one hole; F. Rankin (Sunningdale) beat E. F. Storey (Newmarket) by one hole; Pease beat Holderness by 1 hole; Roger Wethered, former champion, beat Colin Aylmer (Ranelagh) by 7 and 6; J. Lang beat Robert Harris, ex-champion, by 6 and 4.—*Reuter.*

"CAT" FOR SINGAPORE COMMUNISTS.

Mr. Amery Sees No Reason To Interfere.

QUESTIONS IN COMMONS.

London, May 23.

In the House of Commons, replying to questions, Mr. L. M. S. Amery (Dominions Secretary) said he was aware that sentences recently passed on convicted Communists at Singapore included twenty-five lashes with the "cat."

He added that he saw no reason to ask the local Government to abolish such punishments in cases of unlawful possession of firearms with the intent of committing a criminal offence.—*Reuter.*

ON A VISIT TO ENGLAND.

WHY LITHUANIAN PREMIER CAME.

London, May 23.

In the House of Commons, Sir Austen Chamberlain was asked the reasons for the visit to this country of M. Valdemaras, the Lithuanian Premier.

He replied:—"After the December meeting of the Council of the League of Nations, M. Valdemaras paid visits to Berlin and Paris. At that time he informed me that he hoped to visit London in the spring, and I assured him I should be very glad to welcome him here.

"The only matter of business discussed between us has been the negotiations now taking place between Lithuania and Poland, in pursuance of a recommendation made by the League Council. I pressed upon M. Valdemaras the importance attached by the British Government to the success of these negotiations and to the establishment, as desired by the Council, of good neighbourly relations between the two Powers."—*British Wireless.*

EMPIRE DAY IN HONGKONG.

SERVICES AT TWO CATHEDRALS.

GIRL GUIDE FUNCTIONS AT GOVERNMENT HOUSE.

LADY HONOURED.

Government offices, the Courts and many business houses are being closed to-day, a public holiday having been declared to mark Empire Day. Schools are also shut, excepting for the customary function at St. Joseph's College, where prizes were distributed for essays on Empire subjects.

There were the usual special morning services at the Anglican and Roman Catholic Cathedrals, which were attended by over a thousand children. At the former, the address was delivered by the Rev. S. Llewellyn Webb, S.F.C., whilst at the Catholic Cathedral the Rev. Fr. A. Parisotti, chaplain to the Forces, spoke.

Other events appropriate to the day included two functions at Government House this morning, when Mrs. Southorn invested Mrs. Remington with a Girl Guide medal and presented colours to two Companies of the Guides, whilst this afternoon Mrs. Duppuy is to open the St. Peter's Club bathing matched at Repulse Bay, and at 6 p.m. H. E. the Officer Administering the Government is to open the new Services Y.M.C.A. at the City Hall.

The prizes for the essays by students of St. Joseph's College were presented by the Old Boys' Association, and the winners were:—Class I, M. Murphy and Cheung Shin-ling; Class II, Woo Pak-foo, G. Ribeiro and F. Lopez.

AT ST. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

Duty of Loyalty to Empire.

At St. John's Cathedral, the Rev. Llewellyn Webb addressed a large gathering mainly of young people on the significance of the British Empire and their duties and responsibilities in connexion with it as regards Christianity.

The Cathedral was well filled, the greater number of seats being occupied by Girl Guides, under the direction of Mrs. W. T. Southorn and Mrs. H. H. Remington, and Boy and Sea Scouts under the direction of the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave.

The following Girl Guide companies were represented: 1st Hongkong Company, 2nd Hongkong Company, 3rd Hongkong Company, 1st Kowloon Company, 2nd Kowloon Company, 1st Hongkong Rangers and 2nd Hongkong Rangers. There were also present the officers of the following Brownie Packs:—1st Hongkong Pack, 2nd Hongkong Pack (Garrison School), 3rd Hongkong Pack (Quarry Bay), 4th Hongkong Pack (St. Paul's School), 1st Kowloon Pack (Central British), and 2nd Kowloon Pack (Diocesan School).

The service commenced with the processional hymn, "God who conceals His glory," after which appropriate prayers and general thanksgiving were said. These were led by the Very Rev. Dean Swann and a lesson was read by the Rev. H. V. Koop. Other hymns sung were "City of God, how broad and far," and "Land of our birth, we pledge to thee." The service concluded with the National Anthem.

The Address.

In addressing the gathering the Rev. Llewellyn Webb said he regarded it as a privilege to speak to them on such an important day. It was right and proper that one day should be set aside for Empire thoughts and it was very fitting that they should be gathered together in the Cathedral, not only to thank God for making them members of a mighty Empire but also to pray for His blessing and protection.

They spoke of the glory and might of the Empire, and thanked God for their privileges but, most important, they should try to remember their duties and responsibilities. To-day in many lands far and wide, be contined, people would be assembled and messages of love and loyalty would be flashing all over the world. All

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U. S. MERCHANT MARINE BILL.

NOT VETOED BY PRESIDENT COOLIDGE.

APPROVAL GIVEN.

Washington, May 23.

President Coolidge has signed the Jones-White Merchant Marine Bill.—*Reuter's American Service.*

It was thought that President Coolidge would veto this Bill, in the interests of economy.

One of the provisions of the Bill increases the construction fund from $125,000,000 to $250,000,000.

It was reported early this month that President Coolidge was opposed to the feature of the Bill which enables the Shipping Board to authorise the sale of any Government vessel on an affirmative vote of five or seven members, whereas the original Bill carried through the Senate by Mr. Jones, required unanimity.

The Congressmen who were responsible for the safe piloting of the Bill through the House of Representatives, expressed doubt whether the Bill would be vetoed as the cost to the Government for the operation of the steamers would not exceed $10,000,000 yearly.

AMERICAN RUBBER INDUSTRY.

NEW ORGANISATION IS FORMED.

New York, May 23.

A group of leading American rubber manufacturers has formed an organisation, to be called the Rubber Institute, with the object of "putting the rubber industry on a sound economic basis."

General Andrews, the former chief of the Prohibition enforcement service, has been appointed Director-General of the new organisation.—*Reuter's American Service.*

New York, May 23.

Dunlop's, Firestone's and Goodyear's are among the leading rubber manufacturers who have joined the newly-formed Rubber Institute, the Director-General of which is Mr. Andrews.

It is stated that the Institute is not a trust merger, but is designed to eliminate unsound competition.—*Reuter's American Service.*

TWO MORE U.S. MINE EXPLOSIONS.

SERIOUS DISASTERS AND BIG LOSS OF LIFE.

New York, May 23.

Another disastrous mine explosion has occurred, this time in West Virginia, where one of the pits belonging to the Yukon Pocohontas Coal Company is now a living tomb.

Up to the present, rescue workers have brought out thirteen dead bodies.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Harlan, Ky., May 23.

Twenty-five miners are missing after an explosion at the Black Mountain Coal Corporation's mine.—*Reuter's American Service.*

NEW GERMAN CRUISER LAUNCHED.

AN ECHO OF THE GREAT WAR.

Berlin, May 23.

The sole survivor of the German cruiser Koelin, which was sunk in the North Sea during the War, was present at Wilhelmshaven on the occasion of the launching of the new 6,000-ton cruiser Koelin by the widow of its predecessor's Captain.

The new cruiser, which is equipped with oil engines, will attain a minimum speed of 32 knots.—*Reuter.*

HANKOW QUARREL SEQUEL.

REPORTED EXECUTION OF CHEN CHIEN.

LI CHUNG-YEN IN CONTROL OF SITUATION.

NORTHERN DEFECTION

Hankow, May 23.

The fate of General Chen Chien, who gained a considerable notoriety in the Nanking outrages last year, and who was arrested on Tuesday by General Li Chung-yen, is unknown. It is, however, presumed that his relatives and followers, who were placed in office last November, when he expelled General Tang Seng-chi, will all be dismissed.

General Chen Chien leaves a leaderless Army estimated at 30,000 strong, but it is expected that these will pass quietly over to General Pei Chung-hsi.

Later.

All is quiet here, but a rumour has gained circulation that General Chen Chien was executed this (Wednesday) afternoon. There is, however, no reliable confirmation of this report as yet.—*Naval Wireless.*

Theft of Funds Charged.

Hankow, May 23.

General Chen Chien has been arrested by order of Li Chung-yen. Simultaneously the latter has telegraphed to Nanking accusing Chen Chien of the misappropriation of the municipal revenues and of counter-revolutionary plotting, and petitioning for his immediate dismissal.

Chen is at the present time in Wuchang pending instructions from Nanking.—*Reuter.*

Nanking's Foreign Minister.

Shanghai, May 23.

Following the resignation of Mr. Hwang Fu, political circles in Nanking are of opinion that either Mr. C. T. Wang or Mr. Tang Shao-yi will be invited to take the appointment of Foreign Minister.

Mr. Tang Shao-yi is a native of Kwangtung, and was the first premier of the Republic of China. For the past two years he has lived in retirement in Hsiangshan, and has declined all invitations to resume active politics.

Only recently he passed through en route to Shanghai and, interviewed by a representative of the *Telegraph*, he asserted that his journey had nothing to do politics. This, however, was prior to the Tsinanfu incidents.

Tsinan Looting.

Tsinanfu, is now quiet, though looting is still going on, whilst half of the shops remain closed. More looting has occurred outside the city wall.

Singapore Assistance.

The Chinese Chamber of Commerce in Singapore has opened a fund to be used for relief purposes in Tsinan, and the intensity of feeling aroused by the Tsinanfu affair may be gauged by the fact that something like $200,000 was raised in the first week.

Hankow, May 23.

General Yang Sen is reported to have defeated Kuo and Fan and it is anticipated that Sung may return to Wanhsien. Some movement of troops is reported from Kiukiang.—*Naval Wireless.*

A Nationalist Rumour.

A startling message published in the vernacular papers this morning suggests that General Wu Chun-sheng, Governor of Heilungkiang, has declared his independence of Chang Tso-lin and that General Wu intends to place a large army at Shanhaikwan to prevent Chang Tso-lin's troops from returning to Manchuria. The news, however, emanates from Nanking, and must be taken with reservation. If the story is true by any chance, it is a heavy blow which will precipitate the fall of Chang Tso-lin. It is important to note that General Wu has always been regarded as one of the most reliable subordinates of Chang Tso-lin.

Headquarters Moved.

Mukden, May 23.

General Muraoka, commanding the Japanese Garrison in the leased territory of Kwantung, has removed his headquarters from Port Arthur to Mukden.—*Reuter.*

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MOTHER AND SON.

SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS IN ARMS CASE.

Before Mr. W. Schofield and Major C. Willson at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, three boat people were charged with being in posession of arms and ammunition. Mr. C. A. S. Russ appeared for the defendants, one man and two women.

The man was charged with possession of one Mauser pistol, eight magazines and spare parts of a pistol together with 654 rounds of ammunition. The second defendant was charged with possession of one automatic pistol magazine and 222 rounds of ammuntion while the charge against the third defendant was possession of six automatic pistol magazines and 87 rounds of ammuntion.

Mr. Russ, who was absent at the last hearing, said that he understood Revenue Officer Watt was in hospital. He, however, was satisfied that the evidence for the prosecution was genuine and he was not going to cross-examine the witnesses. He was merely going to put his clients into the box.

In the case of the second defendant, the first defendant's wife, Mr. Russ said that he was going to plead that she was acting under the influence of her husband. Mr. Russ pointed out that a woman who was under the coercion of her husband could not be held guilty of such an offence.

Arms in the Water.

Mr. Russ said that in any case he was asking their Worships to take a lenient view of the whole case. The arms had been in the water for some time and it was a case of temptation on the part of the third defendant to keep them after finding them. It was not an ordinary case of smuggling. The defendants had excellent characters and this could be proved by a witness the defence would produce. For three generations the defendants' families had been in the fishing trade.

The third defendant was then put into the box. She said that she was the first defendant's mother, and owned a fishing boat, which was licensed in her son's name. Some days before her arrest she was at Ng Ching Lau, Tai Sha Wan, where she found five caskets on the beach. These she took on board her boat and not having sufficient room to accommodate them all she gave three to her son, who himself owned another boat.

It was only subsequently that she discovered that the caskets contained arms. Her son knew nothing of their contents.

Son's Evidence.

The first defendant was called at the request of their Worship, Mr. Russ intimating that he would not call him unless it was desired by the bench that he should give evidence.

He corroborated his mother's statements. In reply to the Bench he said that when the Police arrived his wife became frightened, and attempted to throw two parcels overboard. It was on his information that other parcels which his mother had thrown overboard that were recovered.

After hearing the evidence Mr. Schofield pointed out to Mr. Russ that his pleas were alternative. He either meant that the first defendant was the guilty party and that his wife was acting under his influence or that he was innocent and his wife was the guilty party.

Mr. Russ intimated that there was in any case little evidence against the wife.

Their Worship accepted the plea that the second defendant was acting under the orders of her husband when she attempted to throw the parcels overboard. She would be discharged and the other two defendants convicted. They would serve three years' hard labour each.

MOTOR ACCIDENT.

CHINESE BOY KILLED AT CAUSEWAY BAY.

In connexion with a recent motor accident in Yee Woo Street, in which a small Chinese boy was knocked down and fatally injured by a car driven by Mr. D. H. Perry, an enquiry was held by Lt. Col. F. Eaves, D.S.O., at the Central Magistracy yesterday to investigate the circumstances attending the death of the victim.

Dr. G. H. Thomas stated that at 10.40 on the night of May 13, a Chinese boy, aged 11 years, was admitted into the Government Civil Hospital, suffering from wounds in the head. Witness immediately dressed the injuries, but the patient died at 12.30 p.m. on the following day without fully regaining consciousness.

At a *post-mortem* examination, he found that the left side of the boy's skull was driven in, leading to much haemorrhage. The cause of death was a fractured skull, coupled with shock and haemorrhage.

Heard a Bump.

Mr. D. H. Perry stated that at 9.30 p.m. on the night of May 13, he was proceeding through Yee Woo Street, Causeway Bay, in an easterly direction, driving his car, at a speed of 10 miles an hour, with his wife sitting at his left.

From the corner of his eye, he perceived an object running towards him, and immediately on that, he heard a bump.

He discovered a small Chinese boy on the opposite side of the road surrounded by a crowd of Chinese. He got out of the car and lifted the boy up in his arms to take him to the car, but the boy struggled, got out of his arms and ran away. He was informed by a Chinese who could speak English that the boy had gone to his parents. Later, he understood that the parents would take their son to the hospital themselves.

Witness, in reply to the Coroner, stated that he assumed from the circumstances that the boy was struck by his car. He assumed also that the boy ran towards the side of the car,—it was the right-hand side—and was struck down by it. Witness pulled up his car in about six or seven feet.

Witness did not examine the car at the time, as he thought the best course was to take the car to the Police Station. He found afterwards that there was a dent in the right-hand rear mudguard, but could not say whether that had been there before the accident.

No Trace of Blood.

He found no trace of blood on the mudguard, and only a trace on the handle of the door, which might have been left from contact with his hands which were covered with blood from the boy's wounds.

Inspector Alexander suggested that it was possible that the boy might have been hit by some part of the car, and he then got up and ran across the road.

Witness, replying to another question, said that the boy was not struck by the front of the car because he was nowhere in front of witness.

Mrs. Perry also gave evidence. She said that the boy was ten feet away from the car when it pulled up.

A street coolie, who was lying on the pavement opposite 16, Yee Woo Street, gave evidence that he saw the boy running across the road and knocked down when halfway across by a car, which suddenly appeared into view. Witness at once rushed up to the boy and lifted him up in his arms. The boy was bleeding badly from a wound in the head.

Replying to the Coroner, witness said he did not see which part of the car struck the boy, but he saw the boy fall down after being struck. The car was then travelling at an ordinary speed.

Later, the boy's father who is a sugar-packer, came on the scene and took the boy over.

Replying to Inspector Alexander, witness said he did not notice the car until after the boy was knocked down. He did not know from what direction the boy had appeared, but only saw him running across the roadway.

Mr. Perry: I would like to ask witness whether he saw any tram coming from Causeway Bay towards Central.

Witness replied in the negative.

L. S. Baker stated he did not see any skid marks on the roadway. He found a few spots of blood.

Brakes "Fairly Good."

Sub-Inspector Mason, Police mechanic, said he found a dent on the rear off-side mudguard. He had tested the handbrake of the car, and found it to be in good working order. The footbrake was fairly good, that was to say it was 50 per cent good, and was effective for the purpose for which it was intended.

Replying to the Coroner, witness said at ten miles an hour, with the application of the brake which he described as "fairly good," the car could be pulled up in ten feet. There was sufficient strength, with the application of both brakes together, to bring up the car within its own length at the same speed.

The jury, without retiring, returned a verdict of "Accidental Death."

Mr. Perry: I would like to express my sympathy with the parents of the boy, and on compassionate grounds I would like also to compensate them to some extent for the accident. That, of course, is purely on compassionate grounds.

His Worship (to the jury): I am sure you will agree with Mr. Perry's expression of sympathy.

WHEN EATING IS HARD WORK

What the Dyspeptic Thinks.

Men and women who come to the table with haggard, drawn looks and poor appetite are to be pitied for their miserable existence. They are afraid to eat food which normal, robust persons will enjoy. However hungry they may be, even the lightest meal brings a recurrence of those indigestion pains which cause the victim agony.

But why suffer the miseries of dyspepsia, with its irritability, acute pains in the back and chest, flatulence and water brash? Those continuous bouts of indigestion with lack of food have impoverished your blood. It has become so thin and weak that it has left your body in a debilitated state, and reduced you to a haggard and depressing frame.

The most reliable method to deal with indigestion is to begin at once to tone up and replenish your blood. For this purpose there is no better tonic than Dr. Williams' pink pills, which will increase and renew your blood, making a rich, red supply to flow through your veins. The stomach and digestive organs will at once begin to revive and properly function. Pain and depression will disappear, and you will enjoy the delights of the table once more.

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FISHERY AGREEMENT.

RUSSO-JAPANESE NEGOTIATIONS CONCLUDED.

Tokyo, May 23.

After three months negotiations, the Russo-Japanese fishery agreement, replacing the agreement formerly included in the treaty of Portsmouth, has been concluded. A formal exchange of ratifications has taken place, thereby removing what at one time was a cause of friction.—*Reuter.*

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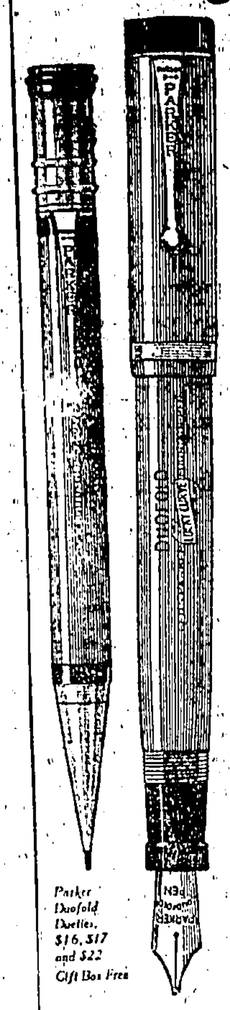

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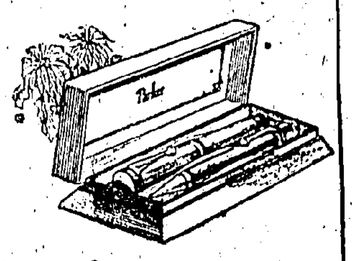

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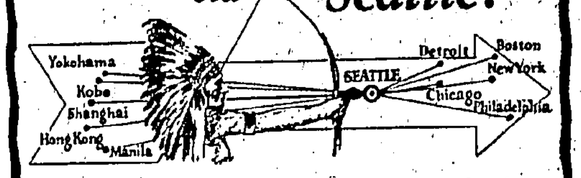

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Mr. William John Stimpson and his bride, Miss Mary Davidoff, with the bridal party, after their wedding at the Russian Orthodox Church, Shanghai.

Miss Ina Castle and Major Scales in a scene from "On Approval," which the B. W. A. Dramatic Section is producing at the Embassy Theatre, Shanghai, on May 31, June 1 and 2, in aid of St. Dunstan's.

The hockey season was wound up at the Shanghai British Women's Association with a highly enjoyable tea dance.

The late Mr. P. W. Goldring, who died in Shanghai recently. A well-known S. M. C. solicitor, he formerly practised in Hongkong.

A row of race-goers snapped at the Shanghai Spring Race Meeting.

Lord Bledisloe and the Hon. Mrs. Cooper-Smith were married at St. Paul's, Knightsbridge, recently. Our picture shows Lord and Lady Bledisloe leaving after the ceremony. (*Times* copyright).

Top picture shows the Field Artillery Battery giving the salute to Major-General Wardrop in the annual inspection of the Shanghai Volunteer Corps on the polo ground. Bottom picture shows the Machine Gun Company, followed by the Armoured Cars nearing the saluting base. Thousands of spectators lined the field to see the Volunteers finish a week's inspection by the General.

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MACAO RACES.

DRAFT PROGRAMMES,
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on SUNDAY,
3rd June, 1928,
(weather permitting)
may be obtained from the I.R.R.C. Macao, Causeway Bay Stables and Roxor Advertising Co., Exchange Building.

Entries Close at 2.30 Macao Race Club on Thursday 24th May.

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BANK HOLIDAYS.

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NOTICE.

The St. Francis Hotel of No. 13A Queen's Road, Central, will shortly open for business under entirely new management. The late Proprietress, Mrs. F. E. Cameron, has no connection with or interest in this Hotel.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FIFTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Society will be held at the Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 25th May, 1928, at 11 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1927, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Society will be CLOSED from 9th May to 25th May. Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,
PAUL LAUDER,
General Manager.

Hongkong, 1st May, 1928.

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-NINTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 25th May, 1928, at 11.15 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1927, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

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By Order of the Board,
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General Manager,

Hongkong, 1st May, 1928.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTY-SECOND ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company will be held at its Head Office, Union Building, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 25th May, 1928, at 11.20 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statements of Account to 31st December, 1927, and of declaring Dividends, etc.

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Hongkong, 1st May, 1928.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

The Fifth Extra Race Meeting will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley on Saturday, 26th May, and Monday, 28th May, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m. on both days. The first bell will be rung at 2 p.m.

The charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be $1.00 per day for all persons including Ladies.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right to introduce 2 non-members to the Members' Enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Linstead and Davis at $5.00 each per day up to Friday the 25th May, 1928.

The charge for admission for Ladies to the Members' Enclosure will be $2.00 per day. Each member can obtain upon application to the Secretary, Badges for admission of 2 Ladies free of charge.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etcetera, will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hongkong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

G. R.

KING'S BIRTHDAY.

The following will be the dress for Gentlemen attending the Reception at Government House in honour of the King's Birthday on June 4th:

White Mess Jacket.
White Waistcoat.
Black Tie.

Decorations will be worn.

WAR DEPARTMENT CONTRACTS.

Sealed tenders will be received at the office of the O.C., R.A.S.C., Headquarters, Victoria Barracks, Hongkong, until 12 noon, on Tuesday, 5th June, 1928, for the undermentioned services for the period as stated.

For six months commencing

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Potatoes, Onions, Sugar, Salt and Mustard.

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Tender forms and any necessary information may be obtained at the above office between the hours of 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. daily except Sundays.

G. R.

Particulars and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 29th day of May, 1928, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Kowloon in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements. N.	S.	E.	W.	Contents in feet.	Annual Rental.	Upper Price
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All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before 6th June, 1928 or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays or Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and noon, within the Free Storage period of One Week.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on TUESDAY,

the 29th May 1928, commencing at 11 a.m., at No. 227, Nathan Road (Leys Buildings) Kowloon

A Quantity of Household Furniture.

Comprising:—

Cabinet, Tapestry Covered Easy Chairs, Wicker Chairs, Electric Fans and Radiator, Dining Table, Dining Chairs, Dinner Waggon, Ice Chests, Kitchen Table and Dresser, Wardrobe, Dressing Tables, Washstands, Iron Bedsteads with Mattresses, Couch and Armchairs, etc., etc.,

Catalogues will be issued.

On view from Monday, the 28th May, 1928.

Terms:—Cash on Delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
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Hongkong, May 22, 1928.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on TUESDAY,

the 29th May, 1928 commencing at 2.45 p.m. at No. 9, Middle Road, Kowloon.

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

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Hongkong, 23rd May, 1928.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

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on FRIDAY,

the 25th May, 1928, commencing at 2.30 p.m. at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

A Large Quantity of Office and Household Furniture.

Comprising:

Teak Hatstand, Glass Cabinets, Desks, Bookcase, Folding Screen, Office Chair, Leather and Cretonne Covered Couches and Armchairs, Carpets, Rugs, Electric Fittings, Oil Paintings, Pictures, Ornaments, Curios, etc.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on WEDNESDAY,

the 30th May, 1928, commencing at 11 a.m. at No. 5A, Jordan Road, Kowloon (First Floor).

A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture.

(Particulars from Catalogue).

On View from Tuesday, the 29th May, 1928.

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Thousands suffering from Catarrh, bronchial troubles, throat and lung trouble, cough, tuberculosis or asthma, hay fever, malaria, stomach trouble, indigestion, constipation, gastritis, piles, diarrhoea, fistula, nervousness insomnia, obesity, kidney, bladder trouble, Bright's Disease, diabetes, rheumatism, neuralgia, dropsy, pyorrhea, epileptic fits, paralysis, dizziness, headaches and many other chronic diseases, have been restored to Health and happiness without poisonous drugs or the knife by the Poo On Chinese Herbs.

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1—The idea of letter golf is to change one word to another and do it in par, a given number of strokes. Thus to change COW to HEN, in three strokes, COW, HOW, HEW, HEN.

2—You can change only one letter at a time.

3—You must have a complete word, of common usage, for each jump. Slang words and abbreviations don't count.

4—The order of letters cannot be changed.

One solution is printed on another page of this issue.

Teheran, May 23.

The Mejliss has passed a Bill to send 100 students to Europe every year for six years study of different sciences, and £30,000 will be appropriated annually for this purpose.—*Reuter.*

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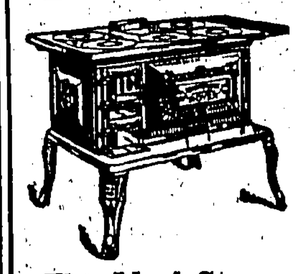

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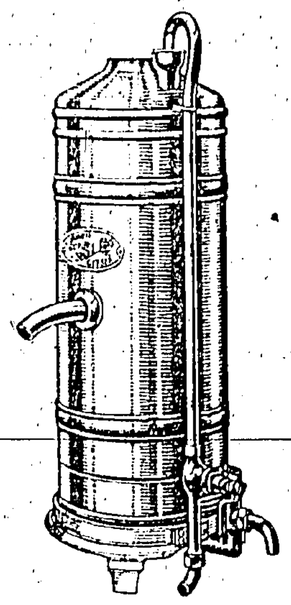

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WOMAN'S WORLD

FOR OUR LADY READERS.

Fashionable Babies.

PRINCESS ELIZABETH SETS A NEW VOGUE.

Children's clothes are affected by the fashions just as much as are their mothers' and grandmothers'.

Miss Taylour-Smith, who designs clothes for London's Mayfair babies dwelling in luxurious nurseries, states that children's clothes are frequently miniature copies of grown-up garments.

"Last season," she said, "we wore flowered crepe de Chines and floral chiffons, so this season the smart child will be decked in these pretty materials. Most children wear silk, too, at all times, except at school, when they wear heavier and more serviceable stuff.

Fashions Set by Princess Elizabeth.

"Her Royal Highness Princess Elizabeth set a fashion when she appeared in little white organdie frocks, with high yokes, and tiny puffed sleeves, daintily edged with lace or embroidered in delicate patterns. We sell a great many of these frocks for the baby up to three or four years of age.

"Since Princess Elizabeth has been wearing a string of coral beads round her neck which, I understand, her mother used to wear as a child, many other children wear these necklaces. Frequently, too, they have ribbons of coral colour running through the yoke of the frock to match.

Family Lace for the Very Young.

"Some mothers bring in family lace to have made into robes for their babies," went on Miss Taylour-Smith. She exhibited a robe of white georgette, with exquisite Honiton lace let in as a panel in front and as a godet at the sides of the hem.

"Another fashion of the modern child is to have little dainty knickers to match each frock she wears.

To Ensure Peaceable Fittings.

In order to keep the children amused when they come in to be fitted for their frocks Miss Taylour-Smith has an intriguing rocking-horse on wheels and some bewitching dolls for them to dress up as well. So children who hate the dressmaker are quite amenable in her hands and she can fit their little gowns.

In a contest in which hundreds competed, Signorina Livia Marracci, 19, was chosen by the Roman newspaper *Tevere* to represent Italy in the International Pageant of Pulchritude at Galveston, Texas, June 2 to 5. The Gazzetta del Popolo of Turin, the signorina's home, says of her: "She has a dashing and elegant figure. Her eyes have a sweet expression of melancholy—she is indeed the flower of youth."

Ticklish Parasol.

Paris caps the vogue for fluffy parasols by fashioning a striking one of long, waving uncurled ostrich plumes in a rich purple shade.

Get-rich-quick Women.

[By Evelyn Irons.]

A young woman who is at the outset of her business career visited the other day the house of an extremely rich man.

"Some day," she announced arrogantly on her return, "I, too, shall have made as much money as that. I, too, shall have a room hung with purple silk with a diamond clock on the mantelpiece."

With infinite tact one refrained from reminding her of Dr. Ethel Smyth's sinister sayings about the conspiracy of men to secure the plums of life for themselves. For the will to be a self-made millionaire is a great thing in a woman, particularly when it smacks of a good, hearty vulgarity. Women have been all too apt to set off with a lofty contempt for sordid cash and to make reluctant but abject compromises with reality later.

The easiest and least obvious compromise is to dig the necessary money out of someone who has acquired it. But mercifully the golddigger is a comparatively rare bird now. That is why such a fuss is made of her.

She is far outnumbered, in this year of grace, by the type of woman who wants silks and diamond clocks, not as manna from the skies but as a result of her own effort—it may be in speculation, or in writing best-sellers, or in controlling a big business, or in something respectable, such as being a musician.

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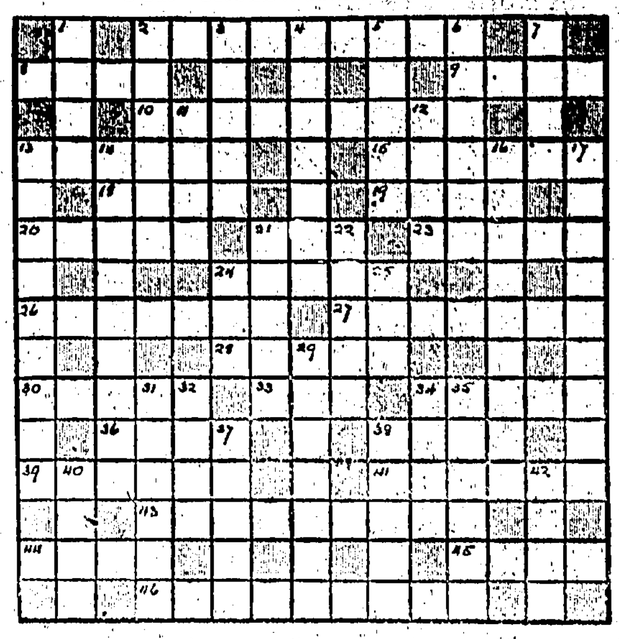
Much less robust and admirable was the Victorian young person who, though expressing no vulgar desire to roll in wealth, sponged as a matter of course upon the male members of her family in the hope that an adequate legacy might accrue to her for the indefinite service of "keeping house." She was, in fact, a gold-digger in virtue's clothing.

Small wonder that Cabinet Ministers are able to say with a degree of truth that there have been few great women writers. Without the initial incentive of money-making, it is difficult to discipline oneself sufficiently to undertake the toils of authorship, or anything else. Few have the Francisan temperament of a certain admirable modern artist who would—unless his fellow-artists restrained him from this break of union rules—sell his pictures for half a crown apiece. Least of all women who are temperamentally averse from garret life and are more susceptible than men to the bait of luxury.

Spongling led women nowhere. But the modern get-rich-quick woman is a force to be reckoned with—even if her riches are so remote as to be almost illusory.

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE.



Across.

2 To pay back.
8 Name of two Scandinavian books.
9 Space.
10 Those suffering sorrow of heart on account of sins.
13 To dress.
15 Warbling, quavering sounds.
18 To listen.
19 Tune played by a single instrument.
20 Rents.
21 Encountered.
23 A foot-pound.
24 Recipient.
26 Net to be drawn on bottom of river.
27 To abide.
28 Mid days.
30 Multitude.
33 To free.
34 Sacred song.
36 Metal.
38 Found in a chimney.
39 To load.
41 Shuts.
43 The act of raising.
44 Prophet.
45 Always.
46 Keeper of an Irish smuggler's hut.

Down.

1 Prepare for publication.
2 Kind of sword.
3 Farther inward.
4 Mineral substance of a resinous nature.
5 Raves.
6 In a simple manner.
7 Genuine.
11 Ages.
12 Stepped.
13 Prior dates.
14 Death-like.
16 Largest boats belonging to ship.
17 Not always.
21 Prime mover.
22 A tithe (Scot).
24 Lair.
25 Entity.
29 Cake of compressed linseed.
31 Instructions.
32 To record a vote.
34 Game played on ponies.
35 Earlier.
37 To sneeze.
38 Heir.
40 State.
42 Equal.

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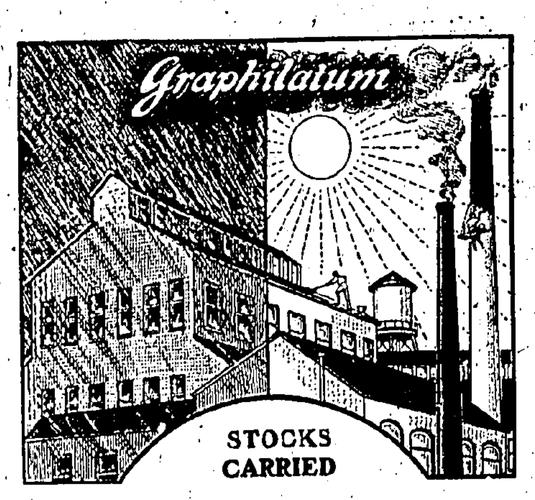

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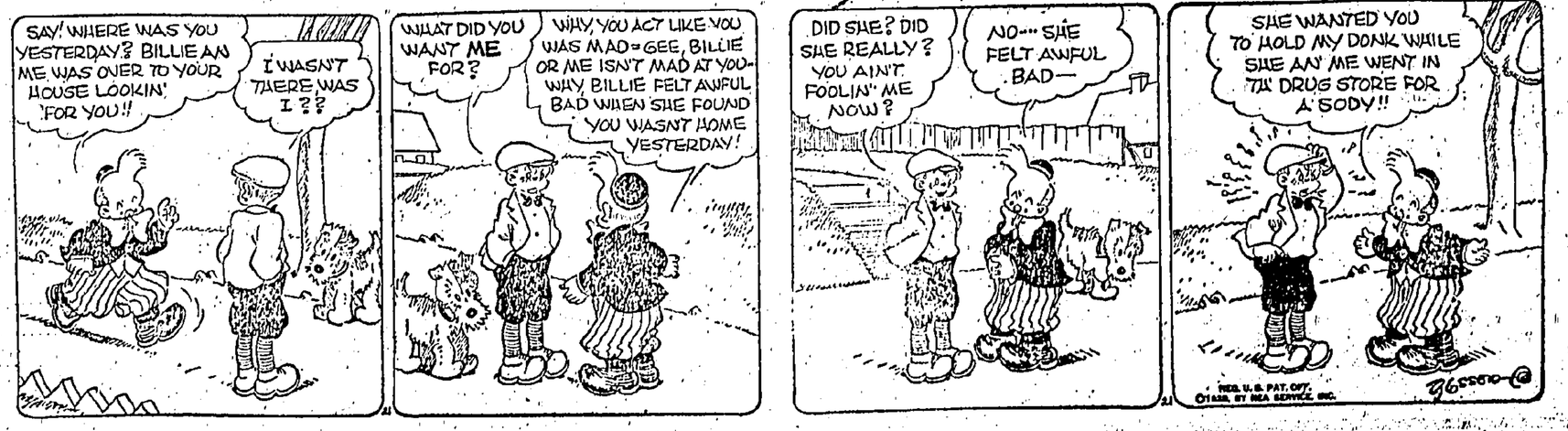

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THURSDAY, MAY 24, 1928.

EMPIRE DAY.

The real importance of Empire Day, which is being observed to-day wherever the British flag flies, is the systematic training of the younger generation, in the home and in the school, in the knowledge and virtues that are likely to make them good citizens. Its spirit is expressed by its watch-words, which are: "Responsibility, Duty, Sympathy and Self-Sacrifice," by its motto: "One King, One Flag, One Fleet, One Empire," and by its rallying-cry: "For God, Duty, and Empire." It falls, of course, on the anniversary of the birth of the late Queen Victoria, and no more fitting day could have been chosen, for it was largely during her long and glorious reign that the Empire as we know it to-day came into being. For something like a quarter of a century now has the day been observed at Home and in the Empire overseas, but it is interesting to note that May 24th had been kept for some years previously in Canada as "Victoria Day," whilst "Empire Day" was celebrated by the Dominion Schools on the last school-day before that date.

In the special remembrance of the Empire on this day there is no idea of encouraging the spirit of jingoism or of seeking to foster the thought that Britain seeks world domination. That is obvious from the basic principles of the movement which enjoin British citizens to love and fear God, to honour the King, to obey the laws, to advance the highest interests of the Empire in peace and war, to cherish patriotism, to regard the rights of other nations, to foster citizenship, to consider duties before rights, to acquire knowledge, to think broadly, to practice discipline, to subdue self, to work for others, and to consider the claims of the poor and suffering. No finer creed than this could be wished for. This is the real British "Imperialism," and its principles are such that no-one who wants to see the world made a happier place for all could take any possible exception to them. It is a code which, adapted to their varying concepts, could serve for all civilised nations.

In recent years, there has come over our statesmen at Home a great change in their concepts of the Empire, and, as Mr. Ormsby-Gore declared in Singapore recently, it is a mistake to regard the Government in Great Britain as the sole Imperial Government. There has been a vital change in inter-Imperial relations—a change which, by recognising the rights of the great self-governing Dominions to a voice in all Imperial matters, has served to strengthen the Empire rather than to weaken it. But if these great Dominions have their own individuality preserved to them, they are none the less loyal to those principles for which Empire Day stands. They, with us, are proud of the joint inheritance, and with that pride there mingles gratitude for those by whose perseverance and devotion the Empire has become what it has. In his message to the British people twelve months ago to-day, Mr. Baldwin spoke of the Empire as a great force for good. We cannot do better than close by recalling his final words: "Let us, then, to-day bear the Empire in our minds and in our prayers. It invites and requires some service of us all. It stands in the sweep of every wind, by the wash of every sea, a witness to that which the spirit of confidence and brotherhood can accomplish in the world. It is a spiritual inheritance which we hold in trust, not only for its members, but for all the nations which surround it. Let us see to it that we hand it on to our successors with untarnished glory."

Public Service.

An unusually sad case of privation, drawing further attention to the deplorable lack of reasonable provision for the welfare of the poorer classes of the community, occasioned some strong comment by Colonel Eaves at the Central Magistracy yesterday when an old man was before him charged with hawking without a licence. Seventy-two years of age, the man pleaded that he was unable to obtain a licence but had to do something to eke out a precarious existence. The Police informed the Court that no further licences could be issued, but accepted the position that there is no poor-house or refuge in the Colony for such cases. As Colonel Eaves very rightly said, what is the man, after all only a victim of circumstances, to do. Surely the Colony cannot throw him on the streets, depriving him of his one chance of livelihood, until he dies. And, of course, it is not an unusual case. Time after time, old men and women are charged with similarly petty offences, invariably arising from the same cause, the necessity of working or starving. The only institution in the Colony which trys to deal with such cases is the Home for the Aged Poor at Kowloon, and the scope of its excellent work is so small that it could not hope to cope with the numerous cases of acute distress which daily demand the indulgence of our Magistrates. We would not advocate the issue of more licences. Hawkers with their raucous cries are too numerous already. In the absence of Government action, long overdue, however, we do suggest that more discrimination could be exercised in the issue of licences. There are hundreds of able-bodied men hawking for a living, who might be forced to do some real work for a change, while giving the older folk an opportunity of existing honestly. This appeals to us in more ways than one. A reduction of hawkers' lung-power might reasonably bring a little more peace and quiet into our streets. It is, we submit, a serious confession that the Government has no machinery to ease the lot of the poor in this Colony. Coming to his new post with enthusiasm, if course, it has taken Colonel Eaves two days to discover one flaw in the Colony's equipment for public service. We fear he will have further cause for astonishment before Mr. Lindsell returns.

Major General Evan Gibb, C.B., C.M.G., C.B.E., D.S.O., who arrives here this morning by s.s. Ranpura, is late of the R.A.S.C. His decorations include medals for service in West Africa, South Africa, (despatches, Queen's Medal with five clasps, King's Medal with two clasps and D.S.O.), European War (despatches six times), where he served as D.A.Q.M.G., in France, as Assistant Director of Transport and on the G.H.Q. Staff, to become the G.O.C. British troops in France and Flanders in 1920. His last appointment was A.D.S. and T. Aldershot Command from 1923 to 1927.

DAY BY DAY.

I THOROUGHLY BELIEVE THAT YOU WILL GET MUCH MORE OUT OF A MAN BY PRAISING HIM THAN BY FINDING FAULT WITH HIM.—*W. L. Courtney.*

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His Majesty's R. F. A. Belgol sails from Hongkong to-day for northern ports, carrying naval supplies.

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A dog belonging to Inspector Booker, of the Central Police Station, has been sent to Kennedy Town for observation, after the animal had bitten an unknown Chinese.

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During a fight on board the s.s. Nolviken, in which six men took part, two Chinese firemen were so badly injured that they had to be sent to the Kowloon Hospital for attention.

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A report from the Government Civil Hospital to the police states that an African named John Brown, sixty-eight years of age, of no fixed abode, died in the Hospital at 11.55 last night.

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While leaning over the verandah in an effort to hang some clothing out to dry, a Chinese woman lost her balance and fell from the first floor of No. 16, Pine Street into the road. She was badly injured and was removed to the Kwong Wah Hospital.

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A report has been made to the police by Mr. J. J. Brook, of No. 1A, Dragon Terrace, Causeway Bay, to the effect that whilst riding his motor cycle in Caine Road yesterday, he knocked down a Chinese boy. Mr. Brook immediately took the injured youth to the Nethersole Hospital.

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Passengers due to arrive from Home by s.s. Ranpura to-day include Mr. C. T. Armstrong, Mr. H. G. Anniss, Mr. R. E. Atwell, Mrs. P. R. G. Cuming, Mrs. Cox, Miss C. Cox, Mr. S. T. Caveney, Maj.-Gen. E. Gibb, C.B., Mrs. A. A. Lake, Miss Mellon, Mr. A. Mallinson, Mr. H. H. Marshall, Mr. L. G. Reer, R.N., Mr. W. T. Willcocks.

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A cable has been received in Singapore announcing the death at Lille of Mme. Dupire, wife of M. Louis Dupire, senior partner in the former firm of Dupire Bros., Singapore. Mme. Dupire, who left Singapore for good in 1925, had a large circle of friends there, and they will be very sorry to hear of her death.

GENERAL CURRIE'S LIBEL ACTION.

STATEMENTS BY EX-SOLDIERS.

Montreal, April 17.

The opening stages of the libel suit brought by General Sir Arthur Currie against the publisher of the "Port Hope Guide" and Mr. W. T. R. Preston, the writer of the article on the alleged waste of life at the close of the war, have been followed with intense interest. It is apparently the intention of the defence to dispute the reference to the Headquarters Staff as necessarily meaning the Commander of the Canadian Corps.

The plaintiff's case was closed with the formal submission of the article and the calling of one or two witnesses as to the impression on their minds when reading it. The article declared that the capture of Mons at the end of the war involved deliberate, shocking, wasteful and useless sacrifice of human life and was an eternal disgrace to the Headquarters directing operations. The intention, it was alleged, was to glorify the Canadian Headquarters Staff, and the article stated further that General Currie was allowed to return home and assume a position in civilian life without the thanks of Parliament or a grant as in the case of other military leaders.

Mr. Tilley, counsel for General Currie, said that the defence pleaded justification, which must cover all statements and comments contained in the article. The defence opened its case by calling three returned soldiers, who claimed that they saw bodies in and about Mons. The defence claims that these men must have been killed on Armistice Day. The case is being tried at Cabourg, Ontario.

To-day's evidence consisted of statements of ex-soldiers with reference to alleged casualties witnessed in the neighbourhood of Mons on the day of the Armistice. The Official Record and War Diary of the 4th Canadian Infantry Brigade, produced, showed the number killed and injured between November 8 and 11, but entries were made on the last named date covering three days.

CORRESPONDENCE.

SMOKING, SPORTS, DOGS.

[To the Editor, *Hongkong Telegraph.*]

Sir,—Numerous daily users of the Peak tram object to the Tram Company's disregard of Bye-Laws 7 and 13 regarding smoking in the cars and the admittance to the tram cars of passengers dressed in an objectionable manner, and they fail to understand why the authorities responsible have not long ago made the Peak Tram Co. amenable to justice for non-adherence to their Bye-Laws.

I strongly disapprove of smoking in the cars (especially the vulgar pipe) and propose that men suppress their inclination to this filthy habit during the seven minutes the journey lasts. (Even females have occasionally been seen smoking in the cars but such behaviour in public of course tells its own story).

I also strongly disapprove of "shorts" being worn in the Peak Tram cars. Passengers clad in such indecent garments ought absolutely to be referred to the coolie seats at the back of the cars. Nothing is more revolting to a lady's sense of decency than being seated next to one of these half-naked men with their hairy, bony, ugly knees exposed. The wearing of shorts is nothing but an outcrop of perversity and is a sickly desire to expose naked parts of the body to the public just as are ladies' too short shirts and too short sleeves. If men only knew how ugly and ridiculous they look in this unmanly attire, they would promptly restore themselves to sanity and again dress decently as do people in other parts of the world, and try to look like gentlemen. It is really significant for the moral standard of the women in this Colony that they ever permitted grown-up men to dress like school boys and thus make a caricature of themselves.

I further object to dogs being allowed to the seats in the cars, a nuisance which apparently does not attract the attention of the controllers.

Further may I ask why is it tolerated that the Chinese controller dares to rush the passengers and address them with "hurry up." If only the Tram Company would take care that the cars keep their time there would be no necessity for hurrying up.—Yours etc.,

FEMINA.

Hongkong, May 24th, 1928.

H.M.S. HERALD'S FINE RESCUE.

TOWS FISHING BOAT 300 MILES.

How a Japanese fishing vessel was towed three hundred miles to port by a naval survey ship, after being found in a helpless condition between Hongkong and Luzon, was related by Capt. F. E. B. Hazelfoot, D.S.O., R.N., commander of H.M.S. Herald, when that ship arrived at Singapore from Miri.

H.M.S. Herald was engaged in deepsea surveying on March 17 when she sighted a small sailing vessel of 40 or 50 tons in distress, dismasted, and with waves sweeping over her. On drawing closer it was seen that there were about twelve Japanese fishermen on board, and the Herald then proceeded to try and get a towing hawser on board the fishing vessel. The sea was rough at the time, but, thanks to the seamanship displayed by the crews of both vessels, and the courage of two Japanese who dived overboard to secure the hawser in spite of the fact that a shark was seen in the vicinity, the Herald was eventually connected with the Japanese craft.

The only thing which Capt. Hazelfoot could do was to make for the nearest port, which was Manila, and the Herald successfully towed the little vessel the distance of 300 miles to that port. The Japanese were in a very exhausted condition, and it was some time before the weather moderated sufficiently for the Herald to send away a boat with food supplies.

EXCHANGE RATES.

London, May 23.

Paris	124
Geneva	25.33
Berlin	20.40
Vienna	34.695
Lisbon	2.8/32
Buenos Aires	47⅝
Hongkong	2.1⅛
New York	4.88 3/16
Amsterdam	12.09⅝
Stockholm	18.19
Prague	164⅝
Athens	374½
Bombay	1/5.31/32
Yokohama	1/10.13/16
Brussels	34.98
Milan	92.70
Copenhagen	18.19
Oslo	18.2
Helsingfors	194
Madrid	29.125
Bucharest	785¼
Rio	5.59/64
Shanghai	2/10
Silver (spot)	28.11/16
Silver (forward)	28.9/16

—*British Wireless.*

The Very Idea!

Master of History Class (to pupil who has just returned after absence through illness): I'm glad to see you back, Timpkins; you will have a lot of leeway to make up. How long have you been away?

Timpkins: Since William the Conqueror landed, sir.

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Some delightful schoolboy "howlers" are given under the heading "Lighter Side of School Life" in the current issue of the *Preparatory Schools Review.* The writer, Mr. W. W. Cheriton, states that, with few exceptions, these efforts come from his own collection.

The fact that "O.M. means 'on the make,' and lots of politicians get these letters" will doubtless be something of a shock to the proud possessors of this order.

"Vension is made out of deer. It is a kind of porridge and is served up hot."

"The reason why you see the smoke out of a gun before you hear the report is because the smoke comes out of the gun before the noise does." This is surely a praiseworthy effort to explain why light travels quicker than sound.

"Apollo was the King of table waters."

"Holland is a place noted for building wooden ships, because there are often floods which come very quickly, and the people have not time to build iron ones."

"Mobilisation is a question about mobs, in what way they can best be dispersed."

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Films have "too much sex appeal." That's the gist of a protest recently made by the vigilance committee at Birkenhead to the licensing magistrates. "The subject matter of many recent films," says the committee, "is taken from the seamy side of life and where the pictures alone might fail, offensive suggestions are driven home by the captions."

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A Negro named Sam had worked for his boss above five years and in that time he had just about run things. His good friend Ben said to him one day:

"Now, Sam you have worked up there and made your boss rich. You ought to ask for more money, or else you quit. You just go up there and tell him: 'Look here, boss, you pay me more or else.'"

Sam tried his friend's advice while sweeping the next morning. He began, "Say, boss, you'll have to gib me mo' money fo' dis job."

"Well, Sam, I'll see about it," replied the boss.

"See about nothin'; pay mo' or else."

"Pay more or else? Else what?" The boss's eyes flashed; his tone was sharp.

Sam's eyes blinked as he detected his boss's anger, and quietly he replied, "Else I wuck for the same money."

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A 15-year-old schoolboy is back home in Alhambra, California, after "kndnapping" himself and writing a letter to his parents demanding $200 ransom.

Nathan Sherman had been missing two days when his mother received the letter demanding money in the name of "Joe Percy" and directing her to send it to general delivery, San Diego.

A trap to catch the "kidnapper" was worked out by the police, and Nathan arrested when he asked for and received the letter addressed to 'Joe Percy' by his mother.

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"My uncle just fainted in his office."

"Why don't somebody give him a drink of whisky?"

"Somebody did—just before he fainted."

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A party of tourists jolted and skidded in a taxi all round Rangoon and eventually, luck being with them, they returned in safety to their hotel "Gee; You sure are some driver" remarked one of the tourists to the man at the wheel. "This is the first time I've ever had a ride like this." "Me too, sir, First time me driving motor car" replied the grinning expert.

Mr. Leonard Richmond, who returned from a painting and lecture tour in Canada and the United States, has been informed by cable that the jury in the International Water Colour Exhibition, at Chicago, Ill., have awarded his painting, entitled "Old Houses, Verona," the William H. Tuthill prize of 100 dollars, and have also purchased the picture.

HONGKONG'S GIRL GUIDES.

GOVERNMENT HOUSE FUNCTIONS.

MRS. REMINGTON INVESTED WITH MEDAL OF MERIT.

COLOURS PRESENTED.

There was an excellent muster of Girl Guides at Government House this morning, when Mrs. W. T. Southorn invested Mrs. H. H. Remington with the Medal of Merit, an honour conferred on her by the Girl Guide Headquarters in London for her valuable services in connexion with the movement in Hongkong.

The Guides presented a very smart appearance on the lawn of Government House, being in charge of Mrs. Remington, the Rev. G. T. Waldegrave, Commissioner of the local Boy Scouts Association, also being present.

Photographs were taken on the lawn after which the Guides went to the ballroom, where the investiture was held and where colours were presented to the 2nd (St. Paul's) and 3rd (Belilios) Companies of Girl Guides. These were given by the founders of the companies, Miss Trotter and Mrs. Wanklyn respectively.

The Investiture.

Addressing those present, Mrs. Southern said:—"Guides of Hongkong,—It is with the greatest pleasure that I have invited you here to-day to be present at the investiture of Mrs. Remington with the Medal of Merit awarded to her by Guide Headquarters for her valuable services to the Guide movement in Hongkong. It is not only length of service but also quality of service that has won for Mrs. Remington this award. A poet said:

We live in deeds, not years: in thoughts, not breaths:
In feelings, not in figures on a dial;
We should count time by heart throbs; he most lives
Who thinks most, feels the noblest, acts the best.

If anyone has given unsparingly of the true Guide spirit it is Mrs. Remington. She was away when I arrived in the Colony, but at every meeting, the words would occur "Wait till Mrs. Remington comes back." And my high hopes were not disappointed. It has been the greatest pleasure to work with her and I hope our association in the movement may be a long one. All of us realise her influence, her unceasing work, her cheerfulness, her sympathy and her tact and I know she dwells enshrined in the hearts of her former Company—2nd Hongkong. It is her ambition to spread the joy of this international sisterhood throughout this Colony of Hongkong and to pass on to others the happiness she derives from it.

War Service.

We are very proud of Mrs. Remington. We are proud of her as a home-worker—the great aim of every true Guide; we are proud of the ribbons she wears so modestly—the record of such splendid war service—a story she never recounts, but of which many of us have some idea—and I am proud to be the one to pin beside them the Medal of Merit, the Guide decoration she has so richly deserved. It comes with a special message of greeting to her and to all the Hongkong Guides from Lady—Baden—Powell,—who heard from me with keen interest of our humble Guide endeavours in this far-off corner of the Empire.

The following is the letter addressed to Mrs. Remington from Headquarters—:

Dear Mrs. Remington,—The Executive Committee of the Girl Guides Association has awarded you the Medal of Merit as a token of its appreciation of the long years of excellent service you have given to the Guide movement. They realise how much time and thought you have devoted to the well-being of Guiding in Hongkong, and how much self-sacrifice this must have entailed.—Yours sincerely, (Sd). Muriel Montgomery, General Secretary.

Mrs. Southern then invested Mrs. Remington with the medal.

Presentation of Colours.

Following the investiture ceremony, Mrs. Southern presented colours to the 2nd. and 3rd. Hongkong Companies of Girl Guides.

Addressing the Companies, she said:—The 2nd. Hongkong (St. Paul's) began training its patrol leaders in November, 1926, the Company being formed soon afterwards. Miss Trotter was responsible for the excellent grounding, whilst Miss Tyrwhitt and Miss Kotewall have carried on the good work. This year they obtained second place in the Prince of Wales Banner competition.

The 3rd. Hongkong (Belilios School) came into existence a month or two later than St. Paul's under the able guidance of Miss Wanklyn, assisted by Miss Xavier and Mrs. Way. Thanks to the energy and inspiration of their present Captain, Mrs. Cressy, they won the Prince of Wales Banner this year, after only about 15 months training, a very creditable performance.

The Donors.

In both cases we are greatly indebted to Miss Woo, M.B.E., who assisted us in the formation of the first Chinese company in the Colony, and to Miss Skinner, who followed suit. The colours are presented by the founders of the Companies—Miss Trotter presents them to St. Paul's, and Miss Wanklyn to Belilios.

In conclusion, I wish to welcome all Guides this morning and to say how pleased I am to see so many new helpers. I am grateful, too, to the Local Association and to the Scout officials for their support on this and other occasions.

Lady Stuart's Taylor's Work.

There is only one cloud on this otherwise delightful gathering. I am sorry to say that we shall be losing Lady Stuart Taylor in October. It seems early to make mention of this now but this is probably the last occasion before October on which we shall all be assembled together. Lady Stuart Taylor's work for the Guide movement here is too well known to need much comment, but I am sure all present will wish to express to her their sincere regret at her impending departure and their heartfelt thanks for all she has done to help Guiding in Hongkong. In this I know Lady Clementi would wish to be associated. We hope that Lady Taylor will remember us and write to us, and she may be sure that we shall always keep her in our hearts.

The Companies then advanced and received the colours, Mrs. Southern saying:—"Remember that this flag which I am committing to your keeping is a sacred ensign; it is the emblem of duty, the outward sign of your allegiance to your country and to the Guide cause. It is to be venerated and treasured and to be passed down untarnished to succeeding generations of Guides."

COST OF HOUSING SUBSIDY.

UNFAIR COMPETITION BY MUNICIPALITIES.

Mr. Norman McKellen, the Secretary of the National Association of House Builders, at the Hotel Cecil pointed out that under the Act of 1924 320,000 houses had been built. On these houses the subsidy was to be paid for forty years. Thus the total cost to the Exchequer would be £64,507,000.

In addition a further 50 per cent. subsidy would be paid by the municipalities. The whole country, therefore, would be committed to an expenditure of roughly one hundred million pounds.

In the debate which followed complaints were made of the unfair competition by municipalities in house-building.

Mrs. Wilson, of Halifax, instanced a case in her own district where one hundred houses built by the municipality would pay only about £4 10s. a year in rates—the amount of the municipal subsidy. Thus the tenants were living rate free, while a similar number of other new houses built by private enterprise were paying rates totalling £1,000.

The Chairman, Mr. G. A. Perks, of Nottingham, suggested that the need was for the removal of unfair competition by the municipalities, who were subsidised in building to such an extent that the legitimate builder was handicapped.

It was decided to refer the question to the General Committee of the Association.

NEW PHONE SERVICE.

BETWEEN BRITAIN AND SPAIN.

London, May 23.

The Postmaster General announces that a telephone service will be established between this country and Spain as from to-morrow.

Communication will be available between all parts of Great Britain and all parts of Spain. The service will be effected by means of a "through" circuit between London and Madrid, passing through France.—*British Wireless.*

Describing the ceremony as one of the milestones on the way to the realisation of India's Industrial Swaraj, Sir Bhupendranath Mitra, Acting Finance Minister opened at Nasik, in the presence of a distinguished assemblage, the Currency Note Press, where Indian currency notes will henceforward be printed instead of in England as hitherto.

EMPIRE DAY IN HONGKONG.

(Continued from Page 1.)

through the world would be travelling the strains of the British National Anthem. "No wonder we feel proud," he added, "and no wonder we thank God for out freedom, security and laws."

Duty of Loyalty.

They could think of the pioneers of old, he continued, who by their work and lives helped to make what they were enjoying to-day. They had a duty to be strong, loyal and true, and the best way in which they could fulfill that duty was to be true to God. The speaker expressed the opinion that the reason for the destruction of previous empires was because the people had begun to think only of themselves and had begun to give up the practice of control and self-restraint.

In the old Cathedrals at Home and also in St. John's Cathedral they would see hung up the colours of regiments. Some were very old, torn, stained, shot through and almost falling to pieces. Their minds could think of the battles of those colours and they would think of the bravery of the men who defended them.

"The flag of our nation of which we are so proud," he concluded, "teaches a lesson we must never forget because it bears on it no less than three crosses and it is the badge of the cross that speaks to us of our duty to the Empire and what we must do to be worthy of our high position."

THE CATHOLIC SERVICE.

Religious Freedom In the Empire.

The service at the Roman Catholic Cathedral was attended by students of all the Catholic schools of the Colony. The Rt. Rev. Bishop Henry Valtorta, Vicar Apostolic of Hongkong, officiated, assisted by the Clergy of the Cathedral and the Students of the Seminary.

The Band of the St. Lewis Industrial School opened the Service by rendering the "Esultanza" March. The pupils of the Italian Convent then sang "To Mary our Queen," after which the Choir of the Seminary took up the hymn, "Salve Regina Coelitum."

The Empire Day Address was given by Fr. A. Parisotti, Chaplain to the Forces, The Cathedral Choir then sang the "O Salutaris" and "Tantum ergo." This was followed by the Benediction, the service concluding with the singing of "God Save the King."

Following were the schools which participated in the service:—Garrison School of Hongkong; 16th H.K. Troop Boy-Scout; Students of the Cathedral Seminary; St. Joseph's English College; Wa Yan College (Robinson Road); Docksin English School (140, Caine Road); St. Louis Industrial School (West Point); Kai Lap Chinese School (Wanchai); Tak Yin School (Wanchai); Aberdeen Chinese School; Shaukiwan Chinese School; Cathedral Chinese School; Italian Convent; French Convent; St. Francis School (Wanchai); St. Mary's School (Kowloon); Holy Spirit School (Robinson Road); Pui Tsin Chinese School (Italian Convent); St. Joseph's Terrace Chinese School.

The Address.

Taking as his text "On these two Commandments defendeth the whole Law"—Matt. 22. 40., the Rev. Fr. A. Parisotti, Chaplain to the Forces, said: "We are met together, to-day to offer thanks to God for the existence of the Great British Empire. Almighty God has bidden us pray for our temporal as well as spiritual welfare. It is right therefore that we should also give thanks for temporary blessings received."

The preacher then alluded to the composite nature of the British Empire where every one of the young nations which go to make up this composite whole is permitted all liberty to develop on its own lines. He dwelt on the liberty enjoyed by all creeds within the Empire, and in illustration, took his congregation step by step over each country which constitutes the Empire.

Everywhere, continued the speaker, the British Empire holds the scales with justice. The Roman Catholic Church has the same liberty for expansion that other creeds have, and, coming to a nearer illustration, the speaker referred to the incident of H.M.S. Seraph last year, which was still alive in their memories here in Hongkong.

But while the Empire does, to the best of its ability, its whole duty to us, we must not forget that we owe a duty in return. The Empire expects us to be loyal towards our native land, and so it is our duty as loyal citizens of Hongkong, faithfully to keep its laws and dutifully to support authority. He reminded them that patriotism was as much a religious requirement as it was a civil duty.

Hongkong's Position.

He thought they were fortunate in being citizens of Hongkong which was comparable to a small State within the Empire. "On one occasion," continued the speaker, in referring to a parallel passage from the Bible, "certain men came to try and ensnare Jesus in his speech. They asked him if it was lawful to give tribute to Caesar? He told them to give unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. We are at least safe in following that advice."

Proceeding, the preacher said that it really amounted to this, that they were to be good citizens—they had to serve God as well as they were able. It meant also that they had to serve their neighbour not less well, as a proof of their love of God. For love was proved by service.

Arrangements are being made by the City of London Corporation for commemorating the centenary of the Guildhall Library which was established in 1828.

The Air Ministry states that nearly one hundred officers are required immediately for flying duties. Half of them will be trained at the new school at Grantham, and the remainder at a similar school in Egypt.

Ten new K.C.'s, appointed before Easter, went in procession round the Law Courts recently to take their seats within the Bar, each bowing five times in each Court.

Sir Laming Worthington-Evans, Secretary of State for War, has appointed Lefutenant-Colonel A. Lambert Ward, M.P., to be his Parliamentary Private Secretary in succession to Major L. Ropner, M.P., resigned.

"It's a wonderful night, isn't it?"
"Yes; let's go to a movie."

CORINTH AFTER THE QUAKE.

REBUILDING IS NOT PRACTICABLE.

REFUGEE STEAMERS.

Athens, Apr. 24.

The four Greek Ministers who made a special visit to Corinth and returned this morning consider that Corinth is irreparably ruined, and that reconstruction on the same site is impracticable, especially as this is the second time in the second time in seventy years that Corinth has been destroyed.

The material damage is estimated at 600,000,000 drachmai (over £1,600,000), for latterly Corinth had become a considerable town.

Owing to the fact that the inhabitants evacuated their houses after the first shocks the casualties are comparatively small—thirteen dead. The first need is for food and tents, and the Government has sent two steamers as a temporary refuge for the inhabitants.

General Metaxas, the Minister of Communications, summed up the result of his visit thus: Nothing but a heap of ruins remains. No house can be repaired, and threatened houses must be immediately pulled down.

A Relief Committe has been formed at Ur Metropolitan. Many of the inhabitants of Corinth desire to settle elsewhere, and the railways will transport them free of charge. The American Red Cross has placed tents and medicaments at the disposal of the Government. The President of the Republic will visit Corinth to-morrow. The canal is open, and the railway bridge over it has not been damaged. It is estimated that fifteen thousand persons are homeless.

I learn from Mr. Meritt, Seceretary of the American Archaeological School, who has just returned from Old Corinth, that the American excavation house cracked and both chimney fell, and that the American excavators passed the night in the open. The damage to antiquities is slight. No vases have been broken, but two pieces of sculpture have been injured and part of the Glauke fountain and of the Roman baths have collapsed.

Fifteen houses have been destroyed in Old Corinth. Two more shocks occurred in New Corinth this morning.

Alarm has been caused at Missolonghi by the agitation of the waters of the lagoon, which is supposed to indicate a submarine volcano like that of Santorin.

£10,000,000 ESTATE.

SIR M. DAVIS'S DISPOSITION OF HIS FORTUNE.

Toronto, April 18.

The widow and son of Sir Mortimer Davis, President of the Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada, Ltd., and Director of the Royal Bank of Canada, are to share the net revenue from his estate, which is stated to be £10,000,000, and may be as much as £20,000,000.

The son, Mr. Mortimer Davis, who married Miss Rose Dolly, one of the Dolly Sisters, receives his father's personal effects and jewellery. Lady Davis, who was Sir Mortimer's second wife, receives the houses in Canada and France. The racing stable will form part of the principal of the estate.

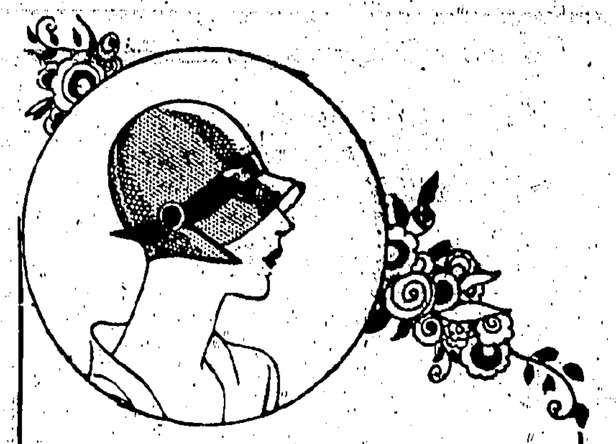
To prevent harm to the enterprises which were controlled by Sir Mortimer, the estate is not to be disposed of for fifty years. At the expiry of that period if the widow has no issue and Mr. Mortimer Davis dies, three-quarters of the proceeds of the estate are to be devoted to the foundation of a hospital. Of the remaining quarter, half is to go to a Jewish philanthropic object and the other half to unsectarian institutions in Quebec.—*Central News.*

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

The following general knowledge paper has been taken from the *Daily Express.*

Answers, for those who need them, will be found on Page 12 of this issue.

1. *What important railway is about to be constructed with money raised mainly from a tea and sugar tax?*
2. *Where is "the Spital Sermon" preached, and with what object? Who was the preacher this year, and when was the service held?*
3. *For how many years has the Flying Scotsman been running?*
4. *What was the late Stanley Weyman's profession before he became a novelist?*
5. *What, in music, is the German name for B natural? What is Schubert's Unfinished Symphony called in Germany?*
6. *How did William the Conqueror win the Battle of Hastings.*
7. *Where is the island of Java? Name its chief crop.*
8. *What is repousse work?*
9. *Where, besides in England, are there cities named Salisbury?*
10. *How many sheets of paper are there in a quire?*
11. *What title was given to Oliver Cromwell in 1658?*
12. *What is "The Rose and the Ring"?*



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"PULLMAN" OF THE AIR.

NEW GERMAN GIANT NEARLY READY.

2,500-MILE RADIUS.

Berlin, April 18.

While the world is hailing the Bremen flight as a pioneer adventure, work is proceeding here rapidly but unobtrusively, on a powerful long-distance flyingboat which promises to be a big advance towards the transformation of Transoceanic flying from a precarious exploit to a regular commercial enterprise.

Since last December the Rohrbach Works have been building for the Lufthansa the flying boat Romar, which is designed for a 2,500-mile radius of action. Working day and night they expect to complete the machine not later than the end of next month, and two exactly similar models, also for the Lufthansa, are already well advanced.

The all-metal boat, standing on the stocks in the unpretentious sheds of the Rohrbach Works, makes a sturdy and formidable impression. It strikes one at once by the appearance of the extreme narrowness—only two passengers can sit side by side—and tallness in proportion to the 81feet span from the prow to the tip of the long tapering stern.

And it strikes one next by the appearance of eminent seaworthiness against a forced descent on turbid waters. Its windows are small portholes, and it is divided into eight compartments with watertight doors. Any two of these compartments can fill with water without in any way impairing the buoyancy of the boat, which is therefore almost unsinkable, except by collision or heavy battering.

A further idea of the Romar's size may be gained from the dimensions of the wings. Their span from tip to tip is 121½ feet, their maximum breadth 30 feet, and their maximum depth nearly 4½.

19 Tons Full Load.

Three Bavarian Motor Works Vlu. 800 horse-power engines will be placed side by side on lofty mountings rising above the centre of the boat in alignment with the wings, so that the height from propeller tip to ground will be no less than 27.9 feet.

Provision is made for eight detachable petrol tanks to be carried by each wing. The number can thus be easily varied for flights of 750, 1,700, and 2,500 miles respectively. The machine will weigh 9.3 tons empty and 19 tons with a full load. The maximum speed with a full load will be about 125 miles per hour.

The machine will possess a carrying capacity of 12 passengers with sleeping accommodation, together with a crew of four and a man of all work, one of whose principal functions will be cooking. For, in addition to food supply by automatic machines, there will be a small kitchen furnished with electric cooking apparatus.

Such is the latest German effort to combine commercial utility with safety in trans-oceanic flying. The Lufthansa who—having ordered three Romars—are evidently embarking with some confidence on far-reaching designs, resolutely refuse to disclose what these designs are.

On the face of it the Romar should be able to leap from the Cape Verde Islands to Brazil with safety and replace the ships at present covering that section of the Spanish-South American air service.

SHARE PRICES.

TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.

The following is the list of local share quotations issued to-day:

Banks.

Hongkong Bank, $1287½ b.
Chartered Bank, £21½ b.
Mercantile A. & B., £33½ n.
P. and O. $0½ n.
East Asia, $75 n.

Insurances.

Canton Ins., $620 s.
Union Ins., $342 sa..
North China, Ins., Tls. 140 n.
Yangtsze Ins., $50 b.
China Underwriters, $2½ b.
China Fires, $220 b.
H. K. Fire Ins., $750 n.

Shipping.

Douglases, $40 s.
H. K. Steamboats, $28½ s.
H. K. Tugs, $2½ s.
Indo-Chinas, (Def.) $65 n.
Shell Trans., 94/- n.
Union Waterboats, $20½ b.

Mining.

Benguets, $1½ n.
Kailans, 60/- b.
Lanpkats, Tls. $12.20 b.
S'hai Exploration, Tls. 2.80 b.
Raubs, $4 n.
Tronohs, 17/6 n.

Docks, etc.

Kowloon Wharves, $130½ n.
Whampoa Docks, $40½ n.
China Providents $5.50 s.
Hongkows, Tls. 160 b.
New Engineerings, Tls. 5 b.
Shanghai Docks, Tls. 110 n.

Cottons.

Ewo Cottons, Tls. 8.75 b.
Orientals, Tls. 2.20 s.
S'hai Cottons, Tls. 53 (old) s.

Lands, Hotels, etc.

H. and S. Hotels, $8.50 s.
H. K. Lands, $63.90 sa..
S'hai Lands Tls. 144 b.
Humphreys, $14½ n.
Realties, $8.25 b.
Territorials, $1 n.

Public Utilities.

Tramways, $24½ s.
Peak Trams, (old) $13½ b.
Star Ferries, $64½ n.
China Lights, (Old.) $11 s.
H'kong Electrics, $69½ n.
Macao Electrics, $26½ b.
Telephones $5.25 b.
China Buses, Tls. 9 b.
Singapore Tractions, 9/6 b.

Industrials.

China Sugars, $2½ b.
Malabons, $24½ n.
Canton Ices, $4 n.
Cements (Comb.) $ 9 s.
Ropes (Old) $7.10 n.
United Asbestos $10 n.

Stores &c.

Dairy Farms, $21½ s.
Watsons, $14.10 sa.
Der A. Wihg, .50 n.
Lane Crawfords, $3.75 n.
Mackintosh, $20 n.
Sincores, $9½ n.
Wm. Powells, $3 n.

Miscellaneous.

Amusements, $29 s.
Constructions, $1½ n.
B'que Ind. G. Bonds, 62% b.
H. K. G. Loan, 5%

LEAGUE TENNIS.

KOWLOON C.C. TEAMS FOR SATURDAY.

represent the K. C. C. on Saturday in League fixtures.

"A" Division.—versus H. K. C. C. on the K. C. C. ground at 4.30 p.m.—S. E. Green (Capt.) and D. S. Green, E. F. Fincher, and W. M. Gittins, C. E. Millard, and F. G. Wheeler.

"B" Division.—versus University on the University ground at 4.30 p.m.—Capt. J. P. Murray, and J. S. Smith, W. Brown, and E. R. Price, C. J. Tacchi (Capt.) and J. F. Grose.

"C" Divison.—versus Y. M. C. A. on the K. C. C. ground at 4.30 p.m.—C. H. Atkins (Capt.) and K. A. Carstensen, P. M. Pinguet, and A. E. Guest, C. W. E. Bishop, and D. J. Purves.

COCAINE IN MUSIC.

A WOMAN'S SYMPHONY AT VIENNA.

Vienna, April 11.

The other day, Frau Lise Maria Mayer, who has won notoriety as a conductor, gave an interpretation of "Cocaine," her symphony in one movement, which tries to describe in music the temptation, intoxication, and disillusion which follow on taking that drug. Whether the effect of such poison is a fit theme for symphonic treatment is a matter for argument.

At any rate, the ambitious composer has introduced jazz instruments into what she calls a symphony, and instead of a scherzo she has written a shimmy-foxtrot, although she has also made use of a fugue. Her followers have received the work enthusiastically.

POST OFFICE NOTICE

RADIO NOTICE.

RADIO TELEGRAPH SERVICES are now in operation as follows:—Ships at Sea, Europe, American Continents, Hawaiian Islands, Dutch East Indies, Dutch Borneo, Philippine Islands, French Indo-China, Province of Yunnan, British North Borneo, Siam, Canton, Swatow, Kwongchowan Fort Bayard, Tchekam, Holhow, Amoy and Foochow, etc.

It is notified for information that the via Wireless rate to EUROPE has been reduced to $1.65 per word. The rate to the Dutch East Indies has been reduced from $1.00 to 90 cents per word as from April 25th, 1928.

Rates and further particulars on application to the RADIO COUNTER, 1st Floor, Government Building.

Telegraphic Addresses—Persons and firms having correspondents in the places named above should in order to avoid delay to telegrams received by radio register their telegraphic address immediately.

Registered and Parcel Mails are closed 15 minutes earlier than the time given below unless otherwise stated, and where mails are advertised to close at or before 9 a.m. registered and parcel mails are closed at 5 p.m. on the previous day.

Dutiable articles forwarded by letter post to Great Britain are liable to confiscation by the Customs. Such articles should be forwarded by parcel post only.

Letters and postcards for Europe and the British Isles are forwarded via Siberia if so superscribed.

The Postal Service to Swabue and neighbouring places is entirely suspended until further notice.

A direct service to Yunnan Province has been opened 20th April, 1928. The inclusive charge will be 60 cents per word; no charge will be collected from the addressee in Yunnan. The service is, however, liable to interruption owing to atmospheric disturbances and messages are accepted at sender's risk.

The service from GOW Royal Observatory W/T Station is temporarily suspended owing to a breakdown of machinery. Meterological traffic with ships will be worked by VPS Cape D'Aguilar W/T Station on 600 metres. The 300 metres telephony service is suspended until repairs are effected.

The Postal Service to Swabue and neighbouring places has now been resumed.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY.

To-day the G.P.O. and Branch Post Offices will be open from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.

There will be one collection from the pillar-boxes and one delivery of ordinary correspondence as on Sundays, and also one delivery of registered correspondence at 9 a.m.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

INWARD MAILS.

From	Per	Due
Europe via Suez (Letters and papers London 26th April and parcels 19th April)	Ranpura	May 24.
	Yingchow	May 24.
Shanghai and Amoy	President Cleveland	May 25.
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Malwa	May 25.
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia	Chinkiang	May 26.
Shanghai and Swatow	Kamo Maru	May 28.
Straits	Emp. of Asia	May 28.
Manila	Hakusan Maru	June 1.
Japan and Shanghai	Emp. of Canada	June 4.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai	St. Albans	June 4.
Australia and Manila		

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	Per	Date
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via Siberia	Ranpura	Fri., May 25, 8.30 a.m.
Saigon and South Africa	Santos Maru	Fri., May 25, 10.30 a.m.
Haiphong	Tonkin	Fri., May 25, 12.30 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ning	Fri., May 25, 2 p.m.
Shanghai	Szechuen	Fri., May 25, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Malwa	Sat., May 26. K.P.O. Parcels ....May 25, 4.30 p.m. Registration ...May 26, 9 a.m. Letters .....10 a.m. G.P.O. Parcels .....May 25, 5 p.m. Registration May 26, 9.45 a.m. Letters ....May 26, 10.30 a.m. (Due Marseilles 23rd June).
Manila	President Cleveland	Sat., May 26, 4.30 p.m.
Amoy	Antung	Sat., May 26, 5 p.m.
Bangkok via Swatow	Kwangchow	Sun., May 27, 9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Kishu Maru	Sun., May 27, 9 a.m.
Amoy	Sunning	Mon., May 28, 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, *San Francisco and Europe via Siberia	Taiyo Maru	Tues., May 29, Registration .....9.45 a.m. Letters .....10.30 a.m. (Due San Francisco 22nd June.)
Straits and Calcutta	Hosang	Tues., May 29, Parcels .....noon. Letters .....1 p.m.
Straits, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Menelaus	Tues., May 29. K.P.O. Registration .....1 p.m. Letters .....1 p.m. G.P.O. Registration .....1.45 p.m. Letters .....2.30 p.m. (Due Marseilles 29th June)
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hai Hong	Tues., May 29, 2 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and South America and *Europe via Vancouver B.C., and Europe via Siberia.	Emp. of Asia	Parcels .....May 29, 5 p.m. .....Wed., May 30, Registration .....9.15 a.m. Letters .....10 a.m. (Due Vancouver B.C., 16th June.)
Sandakan	Hin Sang	Wed., May 30, 10 a.m.
Swatow	Yat Shing	Wed., May 30, 10.30 a.m.
Japan, Canada, U.S.A., Central and S. America, and *Europe via Victoria B.C.	Tencer	Parcels .....May 30, 5 p.m. .....Thurs., May 31. Registration.....9.45 a.m. Letters .....10.30 a.m. (Due Victoria B.C. 26th June.)
Holhow, Pakhoi and Haiphong	Tean	Thurs., May 31, 8.30 a.m.
Japan	Rakuyo Maru	Thurs., May 31, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai	Shantung	Fri., June 1, 5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, East and South Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Marseilles	Hakusan Maru	Sat., June 2. K.P.O. Registration ....June 1, 5 p.m. Letters .....June 2, 9 a.m. G.P.O. Registration ..June 2, 8.45 a.m Letters .....June 2, 9.30 a.m (Due Marseilles 2nd July).
Wei Hai Wei	Huichow	Sat., June 2, 5 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Canada	Tues., June 5, 3.30 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

A GAME FOR LORDS.

WHAT THE BERLINER THINKS OF GOLF.

The idea that golf is a game for lords— probably derived from its connexion in Berlin with Lord D'Abernoon—has been further strengthened by the visit of Lord Birkenhead to Germany.

The fees for the golf club in Wannsee are reported to be so prohibitive that not only a high social position but a very well-lined pocket is necessary before it is possible to play there.

Germans, interested to-day in everything that concerns sport, would gladly take up golf if it could only be reconciled with the more modest income. As the aristocratic reputation of the game appears to make this impossible, middle-aged men are still resigned to bowls and skittles in their favourite beer-house. But as the consumption of much beer is necessary for prowess in what is said to be a very heating game, the whole value of these sports as superfluous flesh-reducers would appear to be lost.

There is, assuredly, much money to be made by any enterprising Englishman who will go to Germany, lay out courses, and organise golf clubs for the professional classes on a scale compatible with their salaries.

NEW AMERICAN SERIAL.

GIRL ALONE

By ANNE AUSTIN.
Author of "Saint and Sinner."

CHAPTER XLIV.

Periodically, during the four months that the Barrs spent in wandering over Europe, Enid's evasive reply to Sally's urgent question thrust itself frighteningly through the new joys she was experiencing.

Enid had shrugged and said: "Remind me when we're making up the invitation list this autumn Sally." She knew now that her mother had counted on her forgetting David, that Enid had told herself until she believed it, because she wanted to believe, that the transformed Sally, the Sally whom she had remade into the kind of girl who could take her place in society as the daughter of Enid and Courtney Barr, would be a little ashamed of her 16-year-old infatuation for a penniless young farmer.

But Sally's heart had not changed, no matter how radically Enid's money, the finishing school and Europe had altered her mentally and physically.

One morning in November Sally knocked at the door of the small, pleasant room known to the Barr household as 'Miss Rice's office." Linda Rice held the difficult, exacting but always exciting position of Enid Barr's social secretary. Sally liked Linda, envied her her independence, her tactful, firm handling of her sometimes unreasonable employer. As she knocked now, fear of her mother fluttered in the heart that was so full of love and admiration for her. For she knew that Enid and Linda were making up the invitation list for the long-discussed coming-out party.

"Come in," Enid's contralto voice called impatiently. "Oh, it's you, darling. How charming you look! Turn around so I can see how that new bob looks from the back. Oh, charming! Max is a robber, but he *does* know the art of cutting hair. Isn't she precious, Linda?"

Sally, dressed in a deceptively simple little frock of dark blue French crepe which half revealed her slender knees, whirled obediently. The heavy, silken masses of her black hair had long since been ruthlessly sacrified to the shears, and now with the new Parisian cut, later to be the rage in America and known as the "wind-blown bob," she looked like an impudent little gamin, amazingly pretty and pert.

Her clear white skin contradicted the effect of the impish hair-cut, however, and persisted in making her look appealingly feminine.

"To think she can eat anything she wants and still keep that figure!" Enid exclaimed with humorous envy. "I'd give my soul to be able to eat bread and candy again." But she looked at her own tiny body, no bigger than an ethereal 12-year-old girl's, and smiled with satisfaction. "What did you want, darling? Linda and I are awfully busy.—Oh, by the way, you mustn't forget Claire's tea this afternoon. You're going to Bobby Protector's luncheon at the Ritz, too, aren't you? Like the social whirl, sweet?"

"It still frightens me a little," Sally confessed with a slight shiver. "Mother," she began with a desperate attempt at casualness, "you're sending David an invitation aren't you? You promised, you know—"

Enid frowned and pretended to consult the copy of the long list which she had been checking when Sally interrupted." Is David Nash's name on the list, Linda? Never mind. I'll look for it. And Linda, will you please run down and tell Randall that Mrs. Barrington will be here for luncheon today? He'll have to have gluten bread for her. Thank you, dear. I don't know what I should do without you, Linda, you priceless thing!"

When the secretary had left the room, Enid turned to Sally, who was standing beside the desk,twisting her hands nervously. "Darling, I've counted so on your not holding me to that foolish promise I made two years ago. You must realize that David—dear and sweet and good as he undoubtedly is—belongs to your past, a past which I want you to forgot as completely as if it had never existed."

Sally opened her lips to speak, but the futility of the retort she was about to make overwhelmed her. How could she forget those 12 lonely, miserable years in a state orphanage? And how could her mother possibly expect her to forget David, who had been her only friend, her "perfect knight" when such dreaful trouble as Enid in her sheltered life, could hardly imagine, had made her a hunted, terror-stricken fugitive from "justice"? David, to whom she was "half married," David whom she would always love, even if she never saw him again? But she would see him!

"Please don't get that sulky, stubborn look on your face, Sally!" Enid spoke almost sharply. "I am thinking of David, too. Do you really think it would be fair to him to ask him to come to New York merely for a party, to see the girl he cannot hope to marry make her debut in a society to which he could never belong? Don't be utterly selfish darling! Think of me a little, too! David knows—the truth. You must know it would be painful for me to see him, after the story I told you in his presence. I want to forget, Sally, and just be happy, now that I have my daughter with me—" The lovely voice trembled with threatened tears, and the cornflower-blue eyes pleaded almost humbly with implacable sapphire ones.

"I'm sorry, Mother," Sally answered steadily "But—you promised. I've done everything you asked me to do for more than two years. I kept my promise not to write to David, because all the time I was counting on you to keep yours."

Enid Barr flushed and tapped angrily with her pen against the edge of the desk. "Of course, if you put it that way, I have no choice! How shall Linda address the invitation?"

"Thank you, Mother," Sally cried, stooping swiftly to lay her lips against her mother's golden hair. "You've made me awfully happy." Her voice shook a little with awed delight as she gave her mother the only address she knew—David's grandfather's name and the R.F.D. route on which his farm lay.

"I suppose I'm having all this bother for nothing," Enid brightened. "The boy would be an idiot to spend the money on the trip—even if he has it to spend!"

A beautiful light glowed in Sally's wide, dreaming eyes. "David will come," she said softly. "He will come if he has to walk."

"A walking costume would be so appropriate at a society girl's debut," Enid pointed out, a little maliciously, but she smiled then, a little secret, satisfied smile, as if she hoped he would look a rube among the sleek young men who would be asked to view her daughter when she was officially put "on the market."

But Sally was too happy to notice. "May I write him, too, Mother? It would look so queer, just sending —"

"Absolutely not!" Enid was stern. "The invitation is more than sufficient. Now run along, darling, and dress for Bobby's luncheon. It seems to me there were never so many sub-deb parties as there are this year, but you simply must go to all of them, if your first season is to be a success. The list is going to be miles long," she worried. "Perhaps it would have been wiser to have your party at the Ritz, as Mrs. Proctor and most of the others are doing, but there seems to be little reason to keep up an enormous establishment like this if you can't entertain in it."

"Coming out' seems so silly," Sally protested with sudden, unusual spirit. "Of course with me it's different. The crowd doesn't know me very well yet, but nearly all of the debs have been really 'out' for two or three years. They've been prom-trotting and going to the opera and the theatre alone with me, even to night clubs—I can't see what real difference it will make to most of them—"

"Of course you can't," Enid said with unintentional cruelty. "You haven't been reared to this sort of thing. But you'll learn. Run along now, and look your prettiest. And by the way, if you have a minute, won't you stop by the photographers to choose the poses to be released for publication? The society editors are calling up frantically. All they've had are snapshots of you, and I want them to print a picture that will do you justice. You're really the loveliest thing on the deb list this year, you know. But *do* run along! I shan't get a blessed thing done if you stay here gossiping with me."

Sally laughed, kissed her mother and ran from the room, bumping into Linda Rice, who was discreetly waiting outside the office until the interview between mother and daughter should be finished.

"Linda," she whispered, her face rosy with sweet embarrassment, "I gave Mother the name of a very special friend of mine, to put on the invitation list. You'll be a darling and mail it out today, won't you? You see, he lives in the Middle West and I want him to have plenty of time to plan to come. David Nash is the name." Her voice caressed the three beloved syllables more tenderly than she realized, and Linda Rice nodded her a knowing smile.

"Of course, Sally. And I hope he comes. I'll mail it this very afternoon."

Sally ran up the broad, circular staircase to the third floor, scorning to use the "lift" which Courtney Barr had had installed in the Fifth Avenue mansion a few years before.

She never entered her own suite of rooms—sitting room, bedroom, dressing room and bath—without first an uneasy feeling that she was trespassing and then a shock of delight that it was hers indeed. Now she passed slowly through the rooms, trying to see them with David's eyes, or even with the eyes of the forlorn little Sally Ford who had shared 16 hours a day on the Carson farm for her "board and keep."

Suddenly a picture flashed across her mind—the two-rooms-and-lean-to shack in which she and David had eaten what was to have been their wedding breakfast. A great nostalgia swept over her—not only for David, but for plain people working together to make a home and to support their children.

All her life in the orphanage she had dreamed of delicate foods, skin-caressing, lovely fabrics, spacious, gracious rooms. And now she had them—and she was frightened to nausea, because they were a barrier between her and David and all the realities of life and love which she had so nearly grasped when she was slaving on the farm, working as "Princess Lalla" in the carnival, fleeing from the pursuit of the law with only David to protect her.

She dressed listlessly for the sub-deb luncheon at the Ritz, chatted and laughed and pretended to be as frivolous and "wild" as any of her new friends; went to Claire Bainbridge's tea that afternoon; went to the theatre with her mother and adopted father that night, went, went during the next few days, but her heart was concerned with only one *question:* would David come? She had been so sure, so arrogantly, proudly sure that he would come even if he had to walk—

On the fifth day after the invitation was despatched his telegram came.

(To Be Continued.)

AIR BATTLE OVER LONDON.

MORE REALISTIC THAN LAST YEAR.

An air "war" with London as its centre is again to be waged this year by detachments of the R.A.F. Last year's "war" will be outdone in realism, and important strategical and tactical lessons are expected to be learnt.

The object of these air exercises is to train personnel and to test the working of the Home Defence organisations. Bombing squadrons as well as Fighter squadrons will take part and camera obscuras on the ground will be used to register the accuracy of the "bombing."

This year the "losses" to each side in aerial battle will be computed according to the strength of the opposing forces, to the types of machine, and to the conditions in which the attack is made. The Air Defence Forces of Great Britain, which will be taking part in these exercises comprise the Wessex Bombing Area (consisting of regular bombing squadrons), the Fighting Area (consisting of fighter squadrons), and the No. 1 Air Defence Group (consisting of cadre and auxiliary squadrons). In command is Air Marshal Sir John Salmond.

The exact date of the exercises is at present being considered by the Air Ministry. It is probable that they will be held about the middle of August.

Last year Londoners were thrilled to see the bombing squadrons, which had got through the defences, flying high over Hyde Park and Piccadilly, and the exercises attracted a great deal of interest. This year, since they will be even more realistic, they should give an even clearer idea of the powers of aircraft.

LETTER GOLF SOLUTION.

Here is the solution to the puzzle on another page.

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Batavia, May 23.
The Royal Air Force flying boats have arrived here.—*Reuter.*

"THE BOY FRIEND."

AMUSING FILM AT THE STAR.

An excellent cast of players is a feature of "The Boy Friend," the picture to be shown at the Star Theatre to-day to Saturday. This cast inclues John Harron, Marceline Day, George K. Arthur, Gertrude Astor, and Ward Crane. Adapted from the stage play "The Book of Charm," the story concerns a young village belle who longs for the thrill of city life through the letters received from her chum. Anything "her boy friend" can say has no effect. He conceives the plan of adopting city manners and arranges a party, the members of which, he has coached in "the Continental manner," with the idea of giving the girl he loves an opportunity of meeting "superior people" at home. Of course the plan fails, though in a highly entertaining manner, and through the failure, the picture is brought to a happy conclusion. "The Boy Friend" was directed by Monta Bell who also directed "The Snob," "Pretty Ladies" and Ibanez "Torrent."

WORLD THEATRE.

EXCITING STORY OF PIONEER DAYS.

"The Frontiersman," the new picture which comes to the World Theatre to-day, is a stirring tale dealing with early frontier days of Tenessee when Andrew Jackson and his militia completely crushed the power of the Creek Indian Confederacy in 1813. Colonel Tim McCoy plays the role of a young officer of the militia who faces many dangers in his efforts to prevent war between the settlers and Indians. Claire Windsor appears as the daughter of Andrew Jackson, while Russell Simpson portrays the famous general himself. To Frank Hagney is entrusted the role of a sinister rebel, and Tom O'Brien, of "The Big Parade," is responsible for the comedy relief. Others in the cast are Louise Lorraine, Lillian Leighton, John Peters and May Foster. The picture was directed by Reginald Barker, famous for his skill with pictures like this and "The Flaming Forest."

DO SEALS EAT FISH?

MINISTRY & FISHERIES BOARD HAVE DIFFERENT VIEWS.

The Eastern Sea Fisheries Board, which has jurisdiction over the Lincolnshire and Norfolk Coast, and which has been paying 10s. for all seals destroyed, on the ground that they seriously damaged fishing, has received a shock from the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

The Ministry states that from the examination of the stomachs of seals submitted to them, the evidence tended to show that they were not destructive to fish to any important degree. If the evidence from the laboratories continued to be of the same nature the reward to fishermen for killing seals would be discontinued.

The Chairman of the Board (Mr. A. E. Birch) states that a seal in captivity is known to eat from two or three stones of fish a day. The Board is to send a deputation to the Ministry to put this view, and to ask for the war on seals to be continued.

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SERIOUS INCIDENT.

CHINESE CROWD OUT OF HAND.

There was a strong rumour yesterday that when four Chinese detectives attempted to arrest two orators who were delivering anti-Japanese lectures in Possession Point, Hollywood Road, the audience became so infuriated that they surrounded the detectives and threatened to strike them if they did not release their prisoners.

The crowd became so threatening that it was not before the detectives drew their revolvers that the mob began to disperse. In the meantime one of the orators managed to escape, but the other man was taken to the Central Police Station.

It was gathered from people in the vicinity that the incident took place last night shortly after 8 p.m. When news of it reached the police headquarters, a squad of men were immediately dispatched to the scene to quell any further disturbance. The party consisted of three European officers, six Indians and a number of Chinese constables, some in plain clothes. They were the subject of much attention as they marched from the Police Station to Possession Point. On arrival they found no more lectures in progress and returned to the Station shortly afterwards.

In the Wanchai district, it was observed that besides pickets consisting of Indian Guards and the regular police force, there were also pickets consisting of Indian members of the Police Reserve. These paraded the streets in pairs, accompanied by a European Sergeant.

From Kowloon, it is learned that yesterday morning, a quantity of seditious and anti-Japanese literature was found within the compounds of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company. These were apparently left on the premises by some person overnight. They were discovered early yesterday morning and handed over to the Water Police. No arrest had been made in connexion with the find.

DEATH OF LORD BUCKLAND.

KILLED BY STRIKING A TELEGRAPH POLE.

London, May 23.

Lord Buckland has been killed in a hunting accident at Bwlch.—*Reuter.*

Later.

Lord Buckland was exercising on horseback in the early morning and was riding at a good pace, talking to his groom. He collided with a telegraph pole and fractured his skull.

[Lord Buckland (Henry Seymour Berry) was the eldest son of the late Alderman J. M. Berry of Merthyr. He was first a teacher and then went into the real estate business. When the late Viscount Rhondda served as Food Controller during the war he entrusted Mr. Berry with heavy responsibilities in his Welsh undertakings. He later became director of many companies. He was High Sheriff of Breconshire in 1924-25, and in 1923 was made Freeman of Merthyr. He was raised to the peerage in 1926 and took the title of Lord Buckland of Bwlch.]

Dr. Alvaro Alvin.

Rio de Janeiro, May 23.

The death has occurred of Dr. Alvaro Alvin, the famous X-ray expert, who carried on experiments despite the loss of both hands.—*Reuter.*

LATE MR. C. KLINCK.

LARGE ESTATE OF SHANGHAI RESIDENT.

Hongkong estate to the value of $154,800 was left by Mr. Charles Klinck, who died at the Shanghai General Hospital on or about September 13, last year. Mr. Klinck, who was 79 years of age was a widower and had resided in Shanghai for two years. He was a retired merchant.

He appointed as executors Mr. J. F. Messer, of Messrs. Hopkins, Dunn and Co. Ltd., Shanghai, (son-in-law), and Mr. J. Gibbs, retired master mariner, No. 7 Tungchi Road, North Szechuen Road Extension, Shanghai, for whom the local attorney is Mr. G. K. Hall Brutton, to whom letters of administration with the will annexed have been granted.

The late Mr. Klinck bequeathed all his household goods and chattels, jewellery and personal effects to his daughter, Mrs. J. F. Messer and orders that the sum of $50,000 be set aside to be applied to the welfare of one of his sons who, for many years passed, has been totally blind. There are other bequests of a family nature.

Pawnbroker's Will.

Chan Tak, *alias* Chan Choi-sang, *alias* Chan Sau-shan, *alias* Chan Tung-tak, *alias* Chan Man-kong, *alias* Chan Yau On Tong, pawnbroker, who died at 140 Canton Road, ground floor, Yaumati, on October 16, 1927, left Hongkong estate of the value of $16,900.

Letters of administration have been granted to Chan Lun-sun, 64 Haiphong Road, Kowloon, Pawnbroker, and Chan Shum-shi, the widow.

Oslo, May 23.

The "Italia" left for the Pole at 4.40 this morning. The weather was favourable for the flight.—*Reuter.*

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The total cost is 2,500,000 Swedish kronor. It contains 150,000 volumes, of which 50,000 are directly accessible to the public without assistance or interference of the librarians. Three branches of the library are located in various parts of Stockholm, containing 50,000 volumes together, the complete stock of books of the library thus totalling 200,000 volmes.

Besides the City Library, Stockholm has some thirty special libraries, such as the Royal Library dating from about 1523, the Nobel Library of foreign fiction and poetry, said to contain the most complete collection, the Stockholm City Archive, dating from the middle Ages, as well as those of the Academy of Science, the Academy of History, the Academy of Art, etc., all founded some centuries ago.

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The following acknowledgments of donations made by the "China" Exhibition Committee have been received by the Rev. W. Walton Rogers, St. Andrew's Vicarage, Kowloon:

Mr. Li Chor-chi, Chairman of the Chinese Missions to Lepers (Hongkong Auxiliary) writes under date of May 22: "I am just in receipt of yours of yesterday's date enclosing cheque $200, being amount kindly allocated to the Chinese Mission to Lepers from the proceeds of the recently held "China" Exhibition. Needless to say, I felt most grateful to you for your help when I read of the announcement in the newspaper, and I lose no time now in writing to ask you please to convey to your Committee the heartfelt thanks hereby expressed on behalf of the Chinese Mission to Lepers (H.K. Auxiliary) for the splendid donation, and our congratulations on your very successful effort with the Exhibition. A public acknowledgment will be made in due course. Meanwhile please find receipt enclosed."

Mr. Frank R. Ashton, of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals, Hongkong, writes under date May 22: "Please convey thanks to the "China" Exhibition Committee for their kindly thought in donating $100 to our Hospitals. We are very grateful indeed, for the Hospitals are in especial need of funds just now, and a surprise donation of this kind is doubly welcome. As one who visited the "China" Exhibition, I should like to say that I feel the Exhibition was an effort which really deserved the success which attended it. I have heard many remarks of appreciation concerning it, and think the promoters are indeed to be thanked for their enterprise."

MAJOR FITZMAURICE.

DENIES NATURALISATION REPORT.

Montreal, May 23.

Major Fitzmaurice denies the report that he intends to take out American papers. He says he intends to return to Ireland where there is much work to be done. The aerodrome in Baldonnel can be improved and he purposes to help in the development of Irish aviation to the fullest extent.—*Reuter's American Service.*

JAPAN'S CABINET.

MINING MAGNATE MINISTER.

Tokyo, May 23.

After overcoming strong opposition by the Minister of Finance and the Minister of Education, Baron Tanaka has nominated the millionaire mining magnate Fusanosuke Kuhara as Minister of Communications, replacing Mr. Mochizuki, who has been transferred to the Home Ministry.—*Reuter.*

UGLY INCIDENT.

CHINESE COOLIES MAUL CHAUFFEUR.

A luckless chauffeur who was unfortunate enough to knock down a Chinese coolie in Des Voeux Road West at the corner of Sutherland Street last night was subjected to such rough treatment at the hands of the coolies working in the vicinity, that he would have died from the assault but for the intervention of Indian and Chinese constables.

It would seem that the incident arose more out of the coolie's fault than the chauffeur's. At about 9.30 p.m. car No. 205 was proceeding in a westerly direction when the coolie, one of a gang employed at a godown, crossed in front of the vehicle. He was carrying a heavy sack of rice at the time and the impact of the car, not only bowled him completely over, but caused the sack of rice to fall on him, temporarily stunning him.

The other coolies at work in the same godown, immediately took matters into their own hands and began to assault the chauffeur. No fewer than fifty of them got round the luckless man and blows were rained on him from all sides, some of the coolies using iron implements.

The chauffeur was covered with blood, when some of the spectators of this occurrence took pity on him and blew police whistles, bringing on the scene first two Indian policemen and later another Indian and a Chinese Constable.

The four policemen, however, were not able to cope with the crowd and although they did all they could under the circumstances, the chauffeur received many blows between their arrival and the time the car was driven away. The injured coolie was taken to the Government Civil Hospital and the chauffeur made a report to the No. 7 Police Station, following which, he hurried off for medical attention.

The incident, happening in Des Voeux Road Central, caused an obstruction in the tram lines, and the tram service from East to West was held up at this point for over ten minutes.

A PLUCKY WOMAN.

FOILS ROBBERY ATTEMPT BY TWO ARMED MEN.

A daring attempt at armed robbery made at 11 o'clock yesterday morning by two men at the second floor of No. 19, Cochrane Street, was luckily frustrated by the plucky resistance of a woman, the principal tenant.

She was asleep in the house when she suddenly discovered that two Chinese had entered. One asked for her husband, and before she could reply threatened to kill her if she made a noise. The pair then attempted to cover the woman with a blanket and produced a small rope with which to bind her. She fought desperately and set up a cry "Robbers." The men, alarmed, hastily made their escape.

During the course of the struggle the woman was slightly injured about the mouth.

Both assailants spoke Punti and were about 33 and 25 years of age. In their flight they left behind them two knives, and failed to take away anything from the house.

Police later arrived on the scene and made enquiries. One man, arrested in Tung Tak Lane, has been detained.

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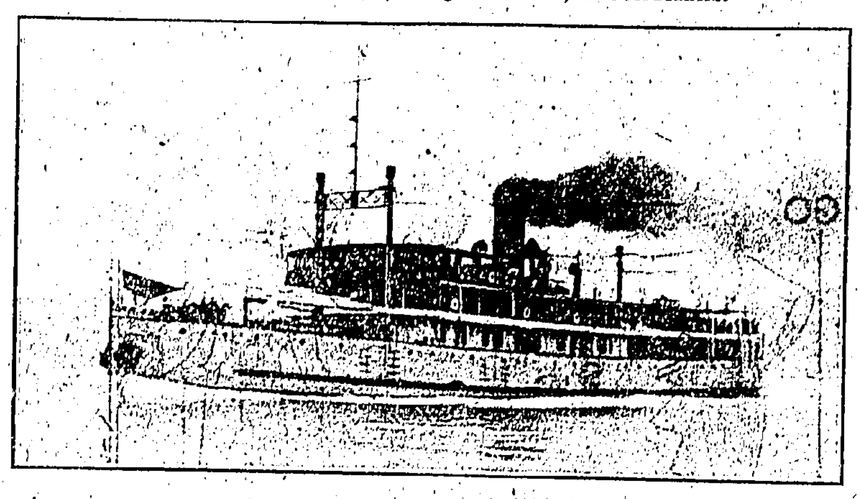

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RANPURA	16,601	23rd June.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
†MIRZAPORE	6,715	26th June.	Straits & Bombay
†NOVARA	6,989	30th June.	Marseilles, London, A'werp, Hull, Rotterdam & Hamburg
KHYBER	9,114	7th July.	M'les, L'don, A'werp & Hull
RAWALPINDI	16,619	21st July.	Bombay, Marseilles & London
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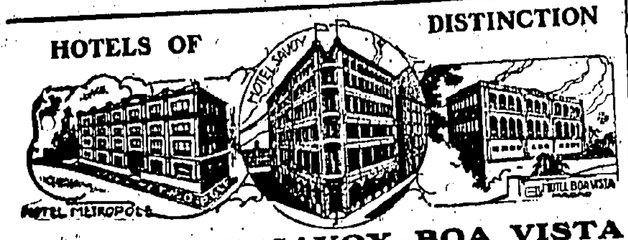

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SHARE TRANSACTIONS.

FIRM ORDERED TO RETURN CLIENT'S "COVER."

Mr. Francis Henry Hembrow, of Trefusia Farm, Bradford-on-Tone, near Taunton, who, according to his counsel, "succumbed to pestering circulars of share dealers," obtained judgment, before Mr. Justice Avory in the King's Bench Division recently, in an action which he brought against Messrs. Graham, Marsh and Co., Limited, stock and share dealers, of Kingsway, W.C., for the return of £100 sent to them as cover for certain shares.

The action was not defended.

Mr. E. Hancock said that Mr. Hembrow was pestered with circulars from the defendants for some time before he received a letter last Christmas Eve, offering to guarantee him against loss if he would deal in shares through them.

"In order to start the New Year with a successful transaction," the letter ran, "and to prove how profitable our transactions can be we make you a special offer. We will try to surmount any scruple you may have by guaranteeing you against all loss. We guarantee to return to you the full amount of your deposit should your deal prove unsuccessful."

The letter pointed out that big profits could be made out of gramophone and tobacco shares.

Mr. Hembrow sent £100 as a margin of one shilling a share on certain shares, but when the value of the shares dropped the defendants wrote suggesting that he should send another £200, "as the margin had been exhausted."

Mr. Hembrow thereupon asked for the return of his £100 on the basis of the defendants' offer, but it had not been returned.

Mr. Justice Avery said he was satisfied that Mr. Hembrow was entitled to the return of the £100, and gave judgment for him, with costs.

Jehol Consul Warned.

Tokyo, May 23.

The Government has instructed the Japanese Consul at Jehol to prepare to withdraw Japanese residents to Yinkow or Mukden in the event of the situation becoming dangerous in consequence of the defeat of the Mukden forces.—*Reuter.*

Nationalist Centre Endangered.

Peking, May 23.

The Northerners claim to have advanced south to Tinchow and Kinhan and to have reached Sangyuan and Tsinpu.

Meanwhile the Nationalist and the Kuominchun centre appear to have advanced northwards to Hokien and to be near Jenkiu. Hence it appears that there is a distinct possibility of the Nationalist centre being cut off.—*Reuter.*

The Southern Railway are issuing during the summer months "period" excursion tickets on Mondays as well as Fridays.

PHOSGENE ESCAPE ENQUIRY.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS INTERVENTION?

GERMANY SAYS THAT IT IS OUT OF QUESTION.

NO LAW INFRACTION.

London, May 23.

It is learned that in consequence of the explosion of poison gas barrels at Hamburg, causing the death of ten persons and serious illness to others, the question of the manufacture or storage of poison gas in quantity may be brought up at the next meeting of the League of Nations Council.

It is understood from authoritative German sources that a full enquiry is already being held regarding the Hamburg disaster, particularly as to whether there has been a breach of the law agreed between Germany and the Allies in 1927 as regards the manufacture of weapons of war, also to avoid a recurrence of such an accident.

New York, May 23.

A statement cabled to New York was to the effect that the Stolzenberg Works, Hamburg, has been shipping forty tons of phosgene gas to the United States annually, but the President of the Heyden Chemical Corporation, which is mentioned as one of the consignees, said the Company had not purchased phosgene from the Stolzenberg Works for a year.

Similar gas was now being manufactured in America. The Heyden Corporation uses it in the manufacture of pharmaceutical products.—*Reuter.*

Out of the Question.

Berlin, May 23.

Semi-officially it is stated that the League of Nations' intervention in the phosgene affair is completely out of the question.

It is claimed that the mere fact of storing phosgene does not constitute any infraction of the regulations as German trade in phosgene for industrial purposes is internationally recognised.

British Government Enquiring.

London, May 23.

The Foreign Secretary was asked in Parliament to-day whether his attention had been called to an accident at Hamburg, where a tank containing fluid for the manufacture of poison gas exploded, and whether, in view of the terms of the Treaty of Versailles, it was proposed to make representations to the German Government on the subject.

Sir Austen Chamberlain replied that he had received no information except what had appeared in the Press, and that he was not in a position to say whether there were any grounds for representations to the German Government. He was taking steps to get further information.

THE RED VIRUS IN FRANCE.

COMMUNISTS EXISTING ON SOVIET FUNDS.

Paris, Apr. 18.

The dependence of the French Communist Party on funds from Moscow is acknowledged in a letter circulated among Communists by Boris Souvarine, leader of the Trotsky Communists in France, who was recently deprived of his office of Secretary to the party.

"The party only continues to exist because of the oxygen cylinders sent from Moscow," he declares.

In the past four years, says Souvarine, more than twenty-five millions (it is not clear whether he has reckoned in francs or roubles) have been swallowed up by the French "pseudo-Communist" party. "These subventions from Russia," he declares, "are an immediate and direct factor in the intellectual deterioration and moral decline of our party." He adds: "The more money the party receives the less members it has. The richer it becomes in money, the poorer it becomes in thought."

Souvarine then quotes figures to justify his satement that the "disproportion between the party's own resources and external aid is monstrous." On one occasion, he reveals, "Humanite" started a subscription and managed to collect 30,000 francs (£240). The total published by "Humanite" was 300,000 francs (£2,400). Moscow had made up the difference.

For some seven weeks 1,200 textile workers have been on strike at Halluin, assisted by Soviet funds. To-day "Humanite" quotes a message purporting to come from the Russian Textile Workers' Union. It forwards a fresh sum of 1,000 roubles, and promises as much more as is needed.

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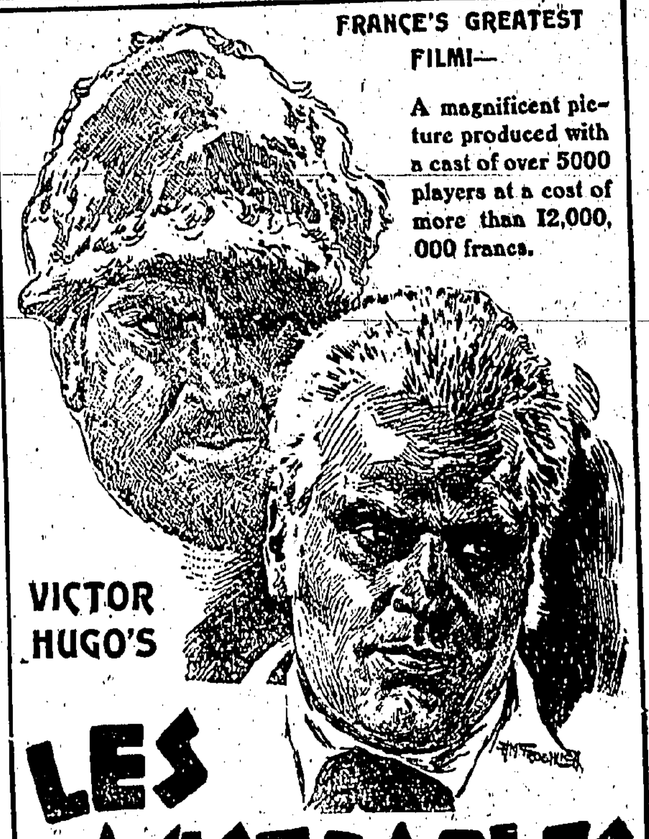

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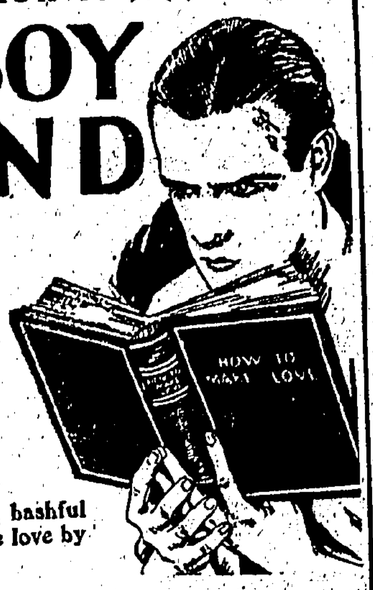

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